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S-100WG Letter 4/2020

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S100WG Update and call for nominations for S-101 and S-102 Project Team Chair and Vice Chairs

Dear S-100 Working Group Members,

As you are well aware, the world is still in the midst of a global pandemic that continues to curtail travel. I'm writing to let you know of changes to the S-100WG meeting schedule and our plans to continue to progress work intersessionally.

- The 7th S-100 Test Strategy Meeting that was to take place in November 2020 has been postponed to March 4-5th 2021 in Monaco
- The S-101 Project Team meeting has been rescheduled to March 1-3rd 20201 in Monaco.
- The 6th S-100WG meeting will now be held either in October or November 2021 in Finland

This will allow for the technical experts that attend the S-101 Project Team Meeting to stay and attend the test strategy meeting – which continues to be a small subset of the S-100WG technical experts to discuss and refine the technical issues that arise from the full working group. Any recommendations that are made by the Test Strategy Meeting will be presented at the full working group for endorsement.

Even though we are not able to have face to face meetings at this time, we are still progressing with the work programme. Towards the end of summer we will have the redline of S-98 ready for review by the technical experts and the working group as a whole. The metadata correspondence group has been kicked off and we are making progress on developing the S-100 Test Data Sets that are needed for ECDIS type approval.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued commitment to the work of the IHO and the S-100WG.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge that this is Tony Pharoah's last month as an Assistant Director with the IHO and his presence will be greatly missed by the greater S-100WG and ENC community.

Yours sincerely,

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