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COUNCIL CIRCULAR LETTER 02/2026

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 10th MEETING OF THE IHO COUNCIL (C-10)
PROVISIONAL AGENDA, CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND LOGISTIC INFORMATION**

References:

- A. Decision C9/70 of the 9th Meeting of the IHO Council
- B. Decision A4/36 of the 4th Session of the IHO Assembly
- C. Rules of Procedure of the IHO Council,
- D. IHO Convention as amended by the Protocol dated 14 April 2005, which entered into force on 8 November 2016,
- E. IHO General Regulations, as amended,
- F. IHO Resolution 8/1967 as amended – *Procedure for considering proposals submitted by Member States ... to the Council,*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As per Reference A, the 10th Meeting of the IHO Council (C-10) will be held at the IHO Secretariat in Monaco from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 16 October at 12:00 as a face-to-face event with passive livestreaming arrangements on request.

Attendance

- 2. With the establishment of the Fourth IHO Council decided at the Fourth Session of the IHO Assembly (Reference B), Member States occupying a seat on the Council (see Annex B for details) should be represented preferably by the Head of the Hydrographic Office (Reference C, Rule 5 refers).
- 3. Member States that are not Members of the Council may participate in the meeting but shall not be entitled to vote (Reference D - Article VI refers).
- 4. No Observer from the categories listed in Reference E (Article 4 refers) should be invited to this IHO Council meeting. However, an invitation to subject matter experts and/or keynote speakers might be considered at a later stage if it is deemed appropriate to support specific agenda items.
- 5. C-10 will take place in the Conference room at the IHO Secretariat in Monaco. This venue has a maximum capacity of 80 delegates in compliance with health and safety rules.
- 6. Members of the Council are invited to limit their delegations to two people, and observers and other participants are invited to limit their delegations to one person. These limitations do not include the Chairs of subsidiary organs requested to report to the Council or those having specific duties (rapporteurs, interpreters if any).

7. In accordance with Decision C1/51, delegations wishing to arrange bilateral or regional meetings prior to or after the Council meeting are reminded to inform the Secretariat (info@iho.int) and confirm their meeting room¹ reservations and requirements at their earliest convenience. Meeting rooms schedule will be elaborated on a *first come first served* basis.

Provisional Agenda and timetable

8. It is proposed to hold C-10 for two and a half days through five plenary sessions as depicted in the table below.

C-10 (UTC+2, CEST)		
Monday 12 October	15:00 – 16:00	Rapporteurs and précis-writers briefing
Monday 12 October	16:00 -18:00	Informal voluntary gathering, open optional brainstorming session,
Tuesday 13 October	C-10 Session 1, 09:00-12:30	C-10 Session 2, 14:00-17:00
Tuesday 13 October	Reception at the IHO Secretariat, 18:00 – 20:00	
Wednesday 14 October	C-10 Session 3, 09:00-12:30	C-10 Session 4, 14:00-17:00
Thursday 15 October	C-10 Session 5, 09:00-12:30	Chair Table debriefing, side meetings (on request)

9. As required by Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the IHO Council (Reference C), this letter of announcement includes a provisional agenda enclosed as Annex A.

10. In accordance with Reference C (Rule 7), a revised provisional agenda with supporting documents and a timetable will be provided to Member States “*at least two months before the opening day of the meeting*” (**13 August 2026**).

Proposals for consideration by the Council

11. As per Reference C (rule 7), the deadline for submitting proposals for consideration by the Council is **Monday 13 July 2026 18:00 UTC+2 (CET)**. All documents received after the deadline will be considered as information papers.

12. Accordingly, the Chairs of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) and the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) are requested to submit their report and proposals to the Secretariat as soon as possible after their respective meetings (Reference A, Action C9/22 refers), and **no later than 13 July 2026**.

¹ Two meeting rooms are available, with limited capacity.

13. Each proposal submitted by Member States for consideration by the Council will be posted on the C-10 [IHO Portal](#) page as soon as it is received. Member States are therefore invited to monitor the C-10 list of documents on a regular basis.

14. In accordance with Reference C and F, A *Red Book* containing all proposals, together with any subsequent comments submitted by Member States and the Secretary-General will be issued as part of the supporting documents.

15. Only comments received by **04 August 2026** (“...ten weeks before the opening...”, in accordance with Reference F, paragraph 1) will be considered for inclusion in the *Red Book*.

Meeting registration and documents

16. As for C-9 in 2025, the [IHO Portal](#) will be the sole repository for all resources related to the 10th IHO Council meeting (logistic, information, documents, registration). An individual IHO Portal account will be necessary to access the Council section of the IHO portal and register to the meeting.

17. Delegates wishing to attend C-10 in-person are invited to register through the [IHO Portal](#) (i.e. C-10 ‘Information’ page) **no later than 13 September 2026**.

18. Delegates wishing to follow the C-10 meeting via passive livestreaming are invited to register through the [IHO Portal](#) **by 08 October 2026**. A dedicated connection link with instructions will be provided by the Council Secretariat in due time to the registered remote participants.

19. General logistics information will be made available on the C-10 ‘information’ page of the IHO Portal in June. Member States requiring invitation letters that may support visa requests are kindly invited to send their requests to the IHO Secretariat **at their earliest convenience**, noting that hotel reservations and visa requests remain the responsibility of each participant.

Call for Rapporteurs

20. Member States having a seat on the Council are invited to nominate rapporteurs by email to the Council Secretary **by 04 August 2026**. Instructions for rapporteurs will be provided upon request.

Yours sincerely,



Mathias JONAS
Secretary-General

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- Council Chair/Vice-Chair, IHO Council Members, IHO Member States
- IHO Committees (Chair/Sec.): HSSC, IRCC, RENCs (IC-ENC, PRIMAR, EA-RECC)

Annex:

- A. Provisional Agenda.
- B. Fourth IHO Council (2026-2028) Members List (as per Decision A4/36),

10th MEETING OF THE IHO COUNCIL
IHO Secretariat, Monaco, 13 – 15 October 2026

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- References:**
- A. IHO Council Rules of Procedure (Rule 8) – *Provisional agenda of meetings.*
 - B. IHO Resolution 12/2002 as amended – *Planning Cycle.*

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Secretary-General Opening Remarks.
- 1.2 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
- 1.3 *Left blank intentionally.*
- 1.4 Chair’s Opening Remarks.
- 1.5 Administrative Arrangements.

2. ITEMS REQUESTED BY THE 4TH IHO ASSEMBLY

Reference: Cumulative List of Assembly Decisions affecting the Council (Decisions A3/08 (a) to (d), A4/04, A4/07, A4/11, A4/12, A4/16, A4/20, A4/23 (e) and (f), A4/36).

- 2.1 Status Report on the Implementation of the List of Assembly Decisions affecting the Council.

3. ITEMS REQUESTED BY THE IHO COUNCIL

- 3.1 Review of the Status of Decisions and Actions from C-9.
- 3.2 Implementation of the IHO Strategic Plan for 2027-2032 and Decision A4/11.
- 3.3 Management of the S-130 Global IHO Dataset (Decision A4/23 (e)).

4. ITEMS REQUESTED BY SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

- 4.1 Report and proposals from HSSC.
- 4.2 Report and proposals from IRCC.
- 4.3 Update on the S-100 Roadmap.

5. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

- 5.1 Review of the Current Financial Status of the IHO
- 5.2 Proposed IHO Work Programme for 2027

5.3 Proposed IHO Budget for 2027

6. IHO STRATEGIC PLAN

6.1 Implementation of the IHO Work programme and other affected IHO instruments resulting from the Strategic Plan 2026-2027 (Decision A4/11).

7. OTHER ITEMS PROPOSED BY A MEMBER STATE OR BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

7.1 Establishment and governance of the IHO Infrastructure Centre (Decision A4/07).

7.2 Implementation of the IHO Data Protection Scheme subscription model (Decision A4/16).

7.3 Establishment and governance of the GEBCO Secretariat (Decision A4/21).

7.4 Current IHO Membership Overview and strategies for future growth.

7.5 Clarification on the general regulations for in person representation of Member States at Assembly.

7.6 Proposed theme of the World Hydrography Day 2027.

8. NEXT MEETING

8.1 Dates and venue for the 11th IHO Council meeting (12 to 14 October 2027, Monaco) (dates to be confirmed).

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. REVIEW OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

FOURTH IHO COUNCIL (2026-2029) - LIST OF MEMBERS

#	Member State – <i>Etat Membre</i>	Selected by – <i>sélectionné par</i>	Point(s) of contact – <i>Point(s) de contact</i>
1	Australia – <i>Australie</i>	SWPHC - <i>CHPSO</i>	Ms. Hillary Thompson
2	Bahamas (The) – <i>Bahamas (Les)</i>	Tonnage	Ms Kimberley Lam
3	Brazil – <i>Brésil</i>	MACHC	VAdm Ricardo Jaques Ferreira
4	Canada – <i>Canada</i>	USCHC	Dr Manon Larocque
5	China – <i>Chine</i>	Tonnage	Mr Cao Desheng
6	Colombia – <i>Colombie</i>	SEPRHC - <i>CHRPSE</i>	VAdm John Fabio Giraldo Gallo
7	Denmark – <i>Danemark</i>	NHC - <i>CHN</i>	Mrs Pia Dahl Højgaard
8	Fiji – <i>Fidji</i>	SWPHC - <i>CHPSO</i>	LtCdr Jervis M. Robinson
9	Germany – <i>Allemagne</i>	NSHC - <i>CHMN</i>	Mr Thomas Dehling
10	Greece – <i>Grèce</i>	Tonnage	Cdr Dimitrios Alevras HN
11	India – <i>Inde</i>	NIOHC - <i>CHOIS</i>	VAdm Lochan Singh Pathania
12	Indonesia – <i>Indonésie</i>	Tonnage	VAdm Budi Purwanto
13	Iran (Islamic Republic of) – <i>Iran (République islamique d')</i>	RSAHC - <i>CHZMR</i>	Mr Nader Pasandeh
14	Italy – <i>Italie</i>	MBSHC - <i>CHMMN</i>	RAdm Fabrizio Orengo
15	Japan – <i>Japon</i>	Tonnage	Mr Hideki Kinoshita
16	Malaysia – <i>Malaisie</i>	EAHC - <i>CHAO</i>	RAdm Dr. Najhan Md Said
17	Malta – <i>Malte</i>	Tonnage	Mr Godwin Louis Borg
18	Panama – <i>Panama</i>	Tonnage	Mr Luis A. Roquebert
19	Philippines – <i>Philippines</i>	EAHC - <i>CHAO</i>	Cdre Carter S. Luma-ang
20	Republic of Korea – <i>République de Corée</i>	Tonnage	Mr Kyu-sam Jung
21	Romania – <i>Roumanie</i>	MBSHC - <i>CHMMN</i>	Capt Lucian Grigorescu
22	Singapore – <i>Singapour</i>	Tonnage	Mr Thai Low Ying-Huang
23	South Africa – <i>Afrique du Sud</i>	SAIHC - <i>CHAIA</i>	Capt Nicolette le Roux
24	Spain – <i>Espagne</i>	EAtHC - <i>CHATO</i>	Capt Francisco Diaz Rodriguez
25	Suriname – <i>Suriname</i>	MACHC - <i>CHZMR</i>	Mr Michel Amafo
26	Sweden – <i>Suède</i>	BSHC - <i>CHMB</i>	Mr Magnus Wallhagen
27	Türkiye – <i>Türkiye</i>	MBSHC - <i>CHMMN</i>	RAdm Fatih Erden
28	United Kingdom – <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	Tonnage	RAdm Angus Essenhigh
29	United States of America – <i>États-Unis d'Amérique</i>	ARHC - <i>CHRA</i>	RDML Christiaan van Westendorp
30	Uruguay – <i>Uruguay</i>	SWAtHC - <i>CHATSO</i>	Capt Niki Silvera