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**ASSEMBLY CIRCULAR LETTER N° 11**  
**17 December 2025**

**4<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY (A-4)**

**Monaco, 20-23 April 2026**

**SELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY**

References:

- A. Assembly Circular Letter No.9 dated 3 October 2025 - Selection of Chair of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly.
- B. Rules of Procedure of the IHO Assembly (Rule 14)

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Assembly Circular Letter No. 9 (Reference A) invited Member States to nominate suitable candidates for election as Chair of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly. At that time, the IHO Secretariat identified Mr. Michel AMAFO, Hydrographer of Suriname, as a suitable candidate who has already expressed his readiness to chair the Assembly.
2. The only comment received in response to Reference A was supportive of Mr. Michel AMAFO and no other nominations have been proposed. Therefore, the vote by correspondence as provided for in Reference B [Rule 14 (b)] is not necessary. The nomination of Mr. Michel AMAFO, as Chair-elect will be put forward for confirmation by the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly in accordance with Reference B [Rule 14 (f) (i)] at the start of the first plenary session on Monday, 20 April 2026.
3. The IHO Secretariat congratulates Mr. Michel AMAFO on his nomination as Chair of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly. The IHO Secretariat will arrange a preparatory meeting with Mr. Michel AMAFO in due course to review the procedures, arrangements and documents in preparation for the Assembly.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary-General