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ASSEMBLY CIRCULAR LETTER N° 2
29 April 2025

4th SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY (A-4)

Monaco, 19-23 April 2026

**CALL FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR
THE POSITION OF IHO SECRETARY-GENERAL AND IHO DIRECTOR**

References:

- A. Assembly Circular Letter No.1 dated 17 April 2025 - *Announcement and General Arrangements*
- B. General Regulations of the IHO (Article 17-23)

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As indicated in Reference A, election for the positions of IHO Secretary-General and one of the two IHO Directors will be held on the last day (23 April 2026) of the 4th Session of the IHO Assembly in accordance with Reference B.
2. In accordance with Article 20 of the IHO General Regulations, Member States wishing to nominate a candidate from their country are invited to forward their application to the IHO Secretariat by using the nomination form provided in Annex. Newly elected individuals, for either Secretary-General or Director will serve from 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2032 with the option to run for re-election for an additional 3-year term from 1 September 2032 to 31 August 2035.
3. In accordance with Article 20(c) of the General Regulations each nomination shall include a medical certificate issued by a duly qualified medical practitioner stating that the candidate presents no apparent symptom likely to interfere with the proper discharge of their duties. In the event that such a certificate cannot be provided the nomination will not be accepted.
4. In accordance with Article 19 of the IHO General Regulations, the list of candidates shall be closed ten days prior (10 April 2026) to the opening day of the 4th Session of the Assembly. However, it is strongly recommended that nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and preferably by 20 January 2026. This will allow the Secretary-General to issue a list of candidates, as complete as possible, together with all supporting documents for the session.

5. The nominations, with the detailed statements excluding medical certificate, will be circulated to all Member States as soon as possible, in accordance with Article 21 of the IHO General Regulations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mathias Jonas', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dr Mathias JONAS
Secretary-General

Annex: Nomination Form



Candidature for a post of¹

☐ **SECRETARY-GENERAL**

☐ **DIRECTOR**

(Article 20 of the General Regulations)

Candidature à un poste de¹

☐ **SECRETAIRE GENERAL**

☐ **DIRECTEUR**

(Article 20 du Règlement général)

GENERAL – GENERALITES

1. Nominating Member State - *Etat membre qui présente le candidat* :

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2. Name - *Nom* :

3. Nationality - *Nationalité* :

4. Date of birth - *Date de naissance* :

5. Titles and décorations - *Titres et décorations* :

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EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES - ETUDES ET LANGUES

6. Education (periods, including specialized or special qualifications) - *Etudes (durée, y compris les qualifications spécialisées ou particulières)* :

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7. Languages (speaking and reading capacity) - *Langues (niveau oral et écrit)* :

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¹Tick one box or both - ¹*Cocher une case ou les deux*

²All service and experience relevant to the nomination and which provide an indication of the extent to which the candidate is qualified to serve as Secretary-General or Director. - ²*Tout service et toute expérience en rapport avec la candidature donnant une indication de la mesure dans laquelle le candidat est qualifié pour occuper le poste de Secrétaire général ou de Directeur.*

8. Hydrographic service - *Services dans l'hydrographie* :

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CANDIDATE'S POSITION - *POSITION DU CANDIDAT*

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - *RENSEIGNEMENTS COMPLEMENTAIRES*
(if any) (*le cas échéant*)

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Date : _____

Signature of candidate - *Signature du candidat* :

Forwarding Authority - *Autorité qui transmet* :

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Signature of forwarding authority – *Signature de l'autorité qui transmet* :

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