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Council Report

Agenda item B.2

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- Head of Operational Safety, Maritime Safety Division of the IMO, Javier Yasnikouski, participated which confirms the need for close cooperation between IHO and IMO.
- The proposal for a new IMO NCSR output on S-100 data distribution was discussed.
- Council agreed on the interim establishment of the IHO Infrastructure Centre, based on the proposed scope by HSSC. Republic of Korea has generously offered funding until at least 2035. Final decision will be taken at Assembly-4.
- The Council was informed on the critical situation of the low level of incoming Member States contributions and the effects on the operations of the Secretariat.
- Council endorsed the proposed ToRs and RoPs of the Strategic Plan Review WG and nominated Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. See SPRWG update, BSHC30-B.3.
- Preparations ahead of the UN Oceans Conference, June 2025, was presented.

Council 8, Yves Guillam Winner of the first Ex Abyssis ad Alta Award



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Council 9 Agenda Highlights

- The draft IHO Strategic Plan 2027 – 2032 will be presented. See BSHC30-B.3.
- Proposal to review the HSSC and IRCC Work Structure.
- Proposals from HSSC:
 - S-100 Roadmap, to introduce a phase 3
 - IHO Operated Intergovernmental MCP (IHO Infrastructure Centre)
 - Proposed revision of IHO Resolutions
 - Draft Guidelines for S-100 Sea Trial Areas
- Basic Documents for the Establishment of the IHO Infrastructure Centre. Scope, Constitution and Organization, Host Agreement, Staff Regulations.
- Management of the S-100 Security Scheme
- Update on the development of S-130



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- Proposals from IRCC:
 - Proposal to change the term Capacity Building to Capacity Development
 - Guideline on the implementation of WEND-100 principles
 - Proposal to merge the IHO MSDIWG and the UN-GGIM Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information
 - Fund Generation Project Team Outcome Report
 - Draft IHO Resolution to “Inspire, Recruit and Maintain Competent Workforce”.
- Proposal to include the “Antarctic Climate and Hydrographic Response” ANCHOR, as annex to the IHO Strategic Plan.
- Outcomes from 3rd UN Ocean Conference and next steps
- Proposal to establish a GEBCO Secretariat, embedded within the structure of the IHO Secretariat.
- MoU between IHO and ProtectedSeas, recognizing ProtectedSeas as key data provider for MPAs to support the integration of the S-122 MPA global dataset.
- ENC Overlapping in the Aegean Sea and Eastern Mediterranean



BSHC 29 is invited to:



1. Note the Council report
2. For BSHC MS to note that all IHO MS are welcomed to participate at Council Meetings (observer status if not on RHC or Hydrographic Interest mandate)
3. Take any action as appropriate