RULES FOR SELECTION OF MEMBER STATES

FROM

 THE ARCTIC REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (ARHC)

TO

THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO) COUNCIL

***Serving on the IHO Council is an important responsibility, as it is a primary means of communication and involvement by the ARHC in IHO matters. Thus, it is important that the Commission be served by knowledgeable, willing and capable representatives to the IHO Council. Therefore it is emphasized that any MS seeking Council representation should be aware of the 3-year time commitment. They must also be aware that there are resource and financial implications that the selected MS(s) must be prepared to assume***.

[Note: The General Regulations cited within this document will come into force with the Amended Convention.]

**Selection of the ARHC representative(s) to the Council**

Selection from ARHC to the IHO Council shall be determined in compliance with IHO General

Regulations Article 2 and Article16.

1. Full Member States of the ARHC who wish to be selected from the ARHC to the Council

 shall submit their application to the ARHC members and the IHO Secretary-General at least

 six months before the ordinary session of the Assembly (refer Article 16(b)(iii) of the IHO

 General Regulations).

1. Within one week of receipt of advice from the Secretary General (and at least three months before the Assembly - refer Article 16(b)(vi) of General Regulations) the ARHC Chair will act according to one of the scenarios below:

 a. If the number of candidate(s) is less than or equal to the number of seats allocated for the

 ARHC by the IHO Secretary-General, then the candidate(s) will be automatically selected.

 b. If the number of candidates is more than the number of seats allocated by the IHO, voting will take place at a meeting of the ARHC, or by correspondence if no ARHC Commission meeting is scheduled within the six months prior to the Assembly. Each Member State will submit one voting paper listing the Member States from the list of candidates equal to the number of the seats allocated. The highest voted candidate(s) will be selected in order from ARHC until all available seats to the Assembly are filled. In case of a draw the Chair will cast a deciding vote. (A sample voting paper is attached as Annex A).

3. The Chair shall notify ARHC Member States and the IHO Secretary-General of the results and status of the member state representation in the Council within two weeks of the closing date for voting.

**Duties and Responsibilities of the ARHC representative(s) to the Council**

1. Attend all annual meetings of the Council in Monaco.

2. Be aware of issues that are before the Council and communicate those

 issues to ARHC Member States.

3. Solicit input from other IHO member states of the ARHC as to any opinions or proposals

 being considered at the Assembly.

4. All expenses connected with the participation to the Council shall be borne by

 their respective States, in accordance with IHO General Regulations Article 3.

**Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission (ARHC)**

**Selection of Representative(s) to the IHO Council**

**Voting Paper**

**Closing date for voting:** …………………………………………………………

**Part A Council Seats to ARHC**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Number of Seats on IHO Council allocated to the ARHC: | *Chair inserts number in here* |

(This is the number of boxes that may be marked below)

**Part B Member State Interest to be Considered for Council Selection through the ARHC**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Canada | Denmark | Norway | Russian Federation | USA |
| Yes/No  | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |

**PART C Ballot**

To vote for a candidate State put an ‘X’ in the adjacent box. The number of boxes that may be marked is shown in Part A above.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *Chair inserts candidate State A in here* | *Votes indicated with an X here* |
| *Chair inserts candidate State B in here* | *Votes indicated with an X here* |
| *Chair inserts candidate State C in here* | *Votes indicated with an X here* |
| *insert other States if appropriate* | *Votes indicated with an X here* |

Member State: ……………………………. Date: …………………………….

Authorised By: ………………………………………………… Position: ………………………………………………..

 (Name)

Signature: ………………………….…………….