

**The 6th Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission Meeting
(Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada, 3 and 6 October 2016)**

**The Department of Navigation and Oceanography
of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation (DNO)**

The DNO's views and brief comments on the ARHC 6 Agenda items:

As a Member of the ARHC the DNO welcomes the participants of the 6th ARHC in Canada and wishes the Meeting to develop constructive and productive interaction between the Member States Hydrographic Offices within the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission.

Agenda item 3

(reference document

ARHC6-03 ARHC 5 List of Actions)

The DNO approves and supports the results of the ARHC activities during the inter-sessional period and especially notes the activities of the ARHC Chairman.

Agenda item 6

(reference document

ARHC6-06D National Report, Russian Federation)

The National Report of the Russian Federation to the ARHC 6 Meeting is attached.

Agenda item 8

(reference documents

ARHC6-08_Application_Associate_Member_FIN

ARHC6-08A_Application_Associate_Member_ICEL)

According to the ARHC Statutes (article 3b) and following the decisions of the ARHC 4th and 5th Meetings the DNO supports and approves the Applications for an Associate Membership to ARHC of Finland and Iceland.

Agenda item 9

(reference documents)

NOAA Letter of August 5, 2016

*RULES FOR SELECTION OF MEMBER STATES
FROM THE ARHC ver 04)*

The DNO supports and approves proposed Rules for selection of Member States from the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission to the International hydrographic organization Council.

The DNO also supports proposal of Canada to have the ARHC Council representation based on a rotation and a proposal to put Rules for the Council selection into the ARHC Statutes as an Annex.

The DNO confirms its willingness to be selected as an ARHC Representative to the IHO Council. The official DNO Letter declaring its affiliation to ARHC for the IHO Council Selection will be sent to the ARHC Member States on 3-4 October, 2016.

Agenda item 10

(reference documents)

*ARHC6-10 Statutes of the ARHC – Updated to October
3 2016 ver 01-clean*

*ARHC6-10 Statutes of the ARHC – Updated to October
3 2016 ver 01-red line)*

The DNO supports a proposal to include in the Statutes of the ARHC a section on the Council selection process.

The DNO supports and approves proposed amendments to the Statutes of the ARHC.

The DNO confirms its willingness to sign the new version of the ARHC Statutes at a next venue (it may be an extraordinary ARHC Meeting in the frameworks of the 1st IHO Assembly in April 2017, Monaco).

Agenda item 17

(reference documents

ARHC6-17A_IHO Application as Observer at Arctic Council

Bulletin_Arctic Council secretariat

ARHC6-17C Letter to Renée Sauvé, Chair of PAME Working Group re Update of the Activities of the ARHC

ARHC6-17D PAME II-2016 final RoDs)

The DNO supports the IHO Application for an Observer status to the Arctic Council.