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**EAtHC CIRCULAR LETTER Nº 01/2017**
**LETTRE CIRCULARE CHAtO Nº 01/2017**

Subject:     Candidate Members from EAtHC to the IHO Council
             Membres candidats du CHAtO au Conseil de l'OHI

Dear colleagues, cher collègues:

In accordance with EAtHC Circular Letter 03/2016, and after the deadline is over, this IHM has received three official proposals from Members States who wish to be selected to the Council. These are (in English alphabetical order):

- Nigeria
- Portugal
- Spain

So, according to the Rules for the selection of EAtHC Member States to the IHO Council adopted at EAtHC-14 in October 2016, it is time to initiate the voting process. Allow me to remind you that the Directing Committee of the IHB (NOW IHO Secretariat) announced, through Circular Letter 63/16, that <u>one Council seat had been allocated to the EAtHC</u>. Paragraph 6.c. states *"If the number of candidates is greater than the number of seats assigned to the EAtHC a vote will take place at a Conference of the EAtHC, or by correspondence if no EAtHC Conference is scheduled in the three months prior to an Assembly. Each Member State may submit one voting paper listing as many Member States from the list of candidates as seats have been assigned to the EAtHC. The result of a vote will only be valid if at least two thirds of all EAtHC Member States are present or have voted by correspondence in due time"*. Therefore each Member State should submit one voting paper from the list of candidates, i.e. vote for only one (1.-) country.

Consequently, we would really appreciate if you could cast a vote with just one Member State to be selected to the Council no later than the 31st of January 2017.

Kind regards

Director of Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina
CHAtO Chairman
Captain Juan Antonio Aguilar Cavanillas