

LIST OF DECISIONS and ACTIONS FROM C-7 Rev1

(as of 6 May 2024)

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION or ACTION No.	DECISION or ACTIONS (in bold, action by)	TARGET DATE/EVENT	STATUS (at 6 May 2024)
1. OPENING					
1.1 Secretary-General Opening remarks and introductions					
		C7/01	The Council welcomed the opening address from the Secretary-General, who reminded the responsibilities of the Council iaw ROPs, the balance in representation for this 3 rd Council in the IHO cycle (continent, tonnage, technical capacity...) and finally the objectives of Council meetings.		
1.2 Adoption of the agenda					
	Agenda	C7/02	The Council adopted the agenda and the timetable as proposed, and noted the availability of the C-7 Red Book. The Council agreed to consider the information paper (Doc. C7-09.1 INF) at the end of the meeting under AOB, time permitting.		Decision
1.3 Formal Establishment of the Council – Confirmation of the Election of Chair and Vice-Chair					
	Council Establishment – Chair and Vice-Chair	C7/03	Noting Decisions A3/31 and /32 and Council Circular Letter CCL 03/2023, the 3 rd Council of the IHO (2023-2026) was formally established, with Ms Pia Dahl Højgaard (DK) as Chair, and Dr Masayuki Fujita (JP) , as Vice-Chair.		Decision
1.4 Chair’s Opening Remarks					
1.1, 1.4	Opening	C7/04	Council Members welcomed the opening addresses by Council Chair and agreed on the participation of RENCs/RECC representatives (IC-ENC, PRIMAR, and EACC) as Observers.		Decision

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1.5 Administrative Arrangements					
	Contact List	C7/05	IHO Member States having a seat at the Council to provide the IHO Secretariat with their updates to the IHO Council List of Contacts .	Permanent	Last Update: 26 Feb. 2024
2. ITEMS REQUESTED BY THE 3rd IHO ASSEMBLY					
2.1 Review of the List of Assembly Decisions affecting the Council and discussion on the way forward and effective implementation					
2.1	A-3 Decisions	C7/06	Based on the presentation from the Secretary-General, the Council agreed on the list of decisions from A-3 to be considered by the Council under the relevant agenda items of the meeting, as well as on the proposed way forward.		Decision
2.2 Cumulative List of A-3 Decisions affecting the Council (Decisions A3/05, A3/08 (a) to (e), A3/13, A3/14, A3/15, A3/20 (c), A3/21, A3/28 (c)).					
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3. ITEMS REQUESTED BY THE IHO COUNCIL					
3.1 Review of the status of Decisions and Actions from C-6 (pending actions)					
	National S-100 Committees	C7/07 (former C6/67)	The Council welcomed the update from the UK on the concept of a national committee on S-100 [See Red Book] and noted the expected benefits of such approach. The Council invited Member States to share their national strategies with regard to the establishment of similar national S-100 committees, as appropriate.	C-8 (- 3 months)	Ongoing
4. ITEMS REQUESTED BY SUBSIDIARY ORGANS					
4.1 Report and proposals from HSSC					
4.1	Report of HSSC	C7/08	The Council noted the report and commended the HSSC , its Working Groups and supporting organizations for the achievements since C-6.		Decision

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4.1	S-100 Infrastructure and Standards Development	C7/09	In accordance with Decision A3/08(b), the Council endorsed the principle that additional funding resources (Decision A3/20 and IRCC15 Decision 41 refer) should be considered for setting up a sustainable technical and administrative infrastructure around S-100 including standards development to meet the S-100 timeline.		Decision
4.1	S-100 Infrastructure and Standards Development	C7/10	In parallel of the establishment of the S-100 Infrastructure Centre, the Council tasked the HSSC to identify at their next meeting the current or emerging components that are critical in the implementation of the S-100 Roadmap that could candidate for being funded by the IHO (project based in the short term on one hand, longer term operational mode for standards maintenance on the other hand).	HSSC-16 (- 7 weeks), then C-8 (- 3 months)	
4.1	Establishment of new PTs	C7/11	The Council noted the establishment, under HSSC, of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the S-100 Infrastructure Centre Establishment PT - the S-100 Security Scheme PT as well as the establishment of the ECS PT under the ENCWG.		
4.1	S-100 ICE PT	C7/12	Following the update provided by the HSSC Chair on the work plan of the S-100 ICE PT , the Council invited HSSC Members , then IHO Member States to provide their views on the recommendations delivered by the PT, as soon as they become available and no later than HSSC-16.	HSSC-16 (- 7 weeks)	In progress

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4.1	S-100 Operational Implementation Countdown	C7/13	In order to meet the IMO timelines for S-100 ECDIS transition, the Council agreed that an IHO CL should be issued to inform IHO Member States of the schedule for preparation, by early November 2024, for the beginning of the approval phase of Edition 2.0.0 of S-100-based Product Specifications (Phase 1 / Route Monitoring as a 1 st step).		Decision
4.1	S-100 Operational Implementation Countdown	C7/14	IHO Secretariat to implement Decision C7/13 above. Calendar to be updated after HSSC-16, in May 2024 (HSSC Chair in preparation of C-8).	December 2023 C-8 (- 3 months)	Complete (IHO CL 43/2023 refers)
4.1	S-130	C7/15	Noting the clarifications and views provided by the Secretary-General , the Council agreed upon the proposed way forward to test S-130 Product Specification Ed. 1.0.0 in two regions (Region E – Baltic Sea, Region M - Southern Ocean) before the publication of the operational version of S-130 Edition 2.0.0 and official production of <i>the</i> single IHO authoritative dataset for limits. HSSC Chair to provide an update at the next meeting.	HSSC-16/C-8 (- 3 months)	Decision
4.1	Champion of Hydrography Award	C7/16	While noting the existing IHO Resolution 2/2014 as amended – <i>Prince Albert the 1st Medal for Hydrography</i> , the Council endorsed the proposal from HSSC and IRCC for an annual Champion of Hydrography Award and agreed upon the proposed way forward.		Decision

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4.1	Champion of Hydrography Award	C7/17	HSSC and IRCC Chairs supported by IHO Secretariat , to prepare a proposed IHO Resolution for the Champion of Hydrography Award, to be awarded on an annual basis. Once finalized, IHO Secretariat to issue an IHO CL seeking the approval of IHO Member States on the proposed IHO Resolution.	February 2024 March 2024	Complete (IHO CL 19/2024)
4.1	HSSC TORs and ROPs	C7/18	With the aim to include the RENCs representation at the HSSC Meetings, the Council endorsed the proposed amendments to the HSSC TORs and ROPs.		Decision Complete (IHO CL 02/2024 refers)
	HSSC&IRCC Reports and Proposals to C-6	C7/19 (same as former C6/20, ...and C1/06)	Considering the timelines between HSSC-16 and IRCC-16 meetings in 2024 and the countdown for submission of reports and proposals to C-8, the Council invited HSSC and IRCC Chairs to prepare their 2024 meeting minutes with the view that it will be used/submitted directly as reports and proposals to be considered at C-8.	C-8 (- 3 months)	
4.2 Report and proposals from IRCC					
4.2	Report of IRCC	C7/20	The Council noted the report and commended the IRCC , the RHCs , and IRCC Sub-Committees for their achievements since C-6.		Decision
4.2	A-3 Decisions	C7/21	The Council noted the IRCC (and subordinated bodies) action plan to follow-up on A-3 decisions and invited IRCC to report on their progress on an annual basis.	C-8 (- 3 months)	

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4.2	A-3 Decisions	C7/22	<p>Following up on Decision A3/20b, the Council noted the outcome of a scoping team and endorsed the recommendations from the IRCC to establish a Project Team on <i>Fund Generation of IHO' Project Initiatives</i> under the IRCC.</p> <p>IHO Secretariat to issue a CL on the establishment of the IHO FG PT¹, as soon as the draft TORs and ROPs are finalized by correspondence within the IRCC.</p>	December 2023	Decision Complete (IHO CL 42/2023 refers)
4.2	GIS thematic layers	C7/23	In accordance with Decision A3/8c, the Council noted that IRCC tasked the MSDIWG to not invest in another portal, but to focus on global thematic layers by means of the existing IHO GIS infrastructure (like those already available on the INTtoGIS).		

¹ Note from the Secretariat: compliance with M-3 Resolutions, IHO Resolution 1/2014 – *Guiding Principles for IHO Funds*, in particular, to be ensured.

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4.2	Gender Balance in Hydrography	C7/24	<p>On the proposal for a new <i>Programme</i> for Gender Balance in Hydrography (as a follow-up to the successful <i>Empowering Women in Hydrography Project</i>), the Council agreed on the way forward in three steps suggested by the Secretary-General.</p> <p>As a consequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Council tasked the IRCC, to first define through the CBSC the regulatory framework (M-3) for a continued activity on this social theme through a proposal for an IHO Resolution; b. The Council agreed to continue with the EWH project led by the CBSC supported by remaining funds and future financial and / or in-kind support as currently announced by CA, NO, DK, US, but still to be confirmed. c. The Council supported by IRCC to develop a proposal on the future framework for an IHO social Programme (incl. Gender Balance in Hydrography) to be submitted to A-4. 	<p>IRCC-16</p> <p>C-9 (- 3 months) in preparation of A-4</p>	Decision

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4.2	IBSC and CSBWG	C7/25	<p>The Council welcomed the proposal from the IRCC supported by the IHO Secretariat to plan two workshops as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one on Standards of Competence (IBSC) matters, to provide clarifications for the institutions on the preparation of submissions to the Board; - one on Crowd Sourced Bathymetry (CSBWG), on the benefit of crowd sourced bathymetry and how to expand data contribution. 	<p>1st semester 2024</p> <p>1st semester 2024</p>	<p>Decision</p> <p>Planned Sep. - Oct. 2024, to be discussed at IRCC-16</p> <p>Complete (held 26 April 2024)</p>
4.3 Update on the Dual-Fuel Concept (transition from S-57 to S-101 ENCs)					
			<i>Covered under agenda 4.1 (See HSSC Report to C-7.</i>		
4.4 Proposed version 3.0 of the Roadmap for the S-100 Implementation Decade					
	S-100 Implementation Strategy – Roadmap Annex 1	C7/26	<p>The Council approved the proposed amendments to the S-100 Implementation Roadmap in order to issue version 3.0 dated October 2023, presented by HSSC Chair.</p> <p>This new version includes amendments submitted (Docs C7-04.4A&4.4B):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - by the Secretary-General to the main text taking into account in particular the IMO MSC106 decision on the S-100 ECDIS transition plan; - by the HSSC Chair to Annex 2, and by France for figure 4 in Annex 2. 		Decision
	Roadmap for S-100 Implementation Decade	C7/27	IHO Secretariat to make available the finalized version 3.0 of the Roadmap.	30 November 2023	Complete on 1 Nov 2023 (link)

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	S-100 Implementation Strategy	C7/28 (former C6/37, ..., C3/13)	Council/HSSC/IRCC Chairs/SecGen supported by subject matter experts and Member States as appropriate to maintain the S-100 Implementation Roadmap as an incremental version-controlled document (including narrative and timelines) on an annual basis.	Permanent	
4.5 Update on the Joint IHO-Singapore Innovation and Technology Laboratory – Proposals from the Council to the Governing Board (Decision A2/08)					
	IHO-Singapore Innovation and Technology Laboratory	C7/29	<p>The Council noted the update on the Joint IHO-Singapore Innovation and Technology Laboratory and noted the progress made on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S-131 Marine Harbour Infrastructure Database (MHID) - Development of S-57 to S-101 Conversion Guidance Document - Creation and Test-Bedding of ECDIS capable of displaying S-102 (Phase 1) and S-104 (Phase 2) on S-101 ENC's <p>and the completion of the Proof of Concept Project: IHO-IALA Collaboration to Demonstrate Interoperability of S-101, S-124 and S-125 at sea using wireless updating via 4G/5G Telecommunications links.</p>		
	IHO-Singapore Innovation and Technology Laboratory	C7/30 (former C6/43)	The Council endorsed the recommendation from the Governing Board of the Lab encouraging more stakeholders to identify collaborative projects, especially with other organisations and industry partners.		
5. IHO ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET					
5.1 Review of the Current Financial Status of the IHO					

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	Financial Reporting Statement	C7/31	The Council noted the information provided on the current financial status as of September 2023.		Decision
5.2 Proposed IHO Work Programme for 2024					
	Proposed IHO WP for 2024	C7/32	The Council approved the IHO Work Programme for 2024, as presented by the Secretary-General , and noted the internal IHO Secretariat's arrangements for a change of the Principal Director and Principal Manager for ABLOS and MSDIWG.		Decision
	World Hydrography Day	C7/33	The Council noted the proposed theme for the 2024 World Hydrography Day by the Secretary-General which is " <i>Hydrographic Information - Enhancing Safety and Efficiency in Marine Activities</i> " IHO Secretariat to circulate the theme for 2024 to the IHO MS by IHO CL.	End of October 2023	Decision Complete (IHO CL 35/2023)
5.3 Proposed IHO Budget for 2024					
	2024 IHO Budget	C7/34	In application of Decisions A3/26 to /28, the Council approved the proposed budget for 2024 provided by the Secretary-General , including the proposed adaptations.		Decision
6. IHO STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW					
6.1 IHO Strategic Plan – Decisions A3/08a to /08d - Strategic Performance Indicators Update					
6.1	Status on the Strategic Plan - SPIs	C7/35	The Council noted the dashboard (target 2026, WP2 and WP3 SPIs value as of 31 Dec. 2022) allocated to the Secretariat, HSSC and IRCC (IHO Annual Report 2022, Annex B (pages 153 to 167) refer) and its update for WP1 as of 1 Oct 2023.		Decision

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6.2 Initial Discussion and Way Forward for the preparation of a Revised Strategic Plan in preparation of A-4 (C-9 countdown)					
	Preparation of A-4 (IHO Strategic Plan)	C7/36	The Council acknowledged that the current structure of the Strategic Plan (SP) 2021-2026 was still relevant at conceptual level (vision, goals, etc.), and agreed that the objective for the next SP 2027-2032 should be limited to a <i>revision</i> of the current SP.		Decision
	Preparation of A-4 (IHO Strategic Plan)	C7/37	The Council tasked the HSSC and IRCC to provide their inputs on the possible axis of <i>evolution</i> of the existing SP in preparation of the <i>revision</i> phase (2024-2025) of the current SP.	C-8 (- 3 months)	In progress
6.2	Preparation of A-4 (IHO Strategic Plan)	C7/38	The Council welcomed the offer from the Council Vice-Chair , , to lead a correspondence group consisting of BR, DE, DK, FR, GB, HR, JP, NO, NZ, SE and US on the ways and means ² to prepare the next IHO Strategic Plan 2027-2032.	C-8 (- 3 months)	In progress (email Vice-Chair dated 2 Nov 2023)
7. OTHER ITEMS PROPOSED BY A MEMBER STATE OR BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL					
7.1 Increased Participation on IHO Bodies Activities					
	IHO events more inclusive	C7/39	Noting the comments made in session and collated in the Red Book, the Council agreed to prepare an IHO Resolution on <i>Guidelines for Making IHO Events More Inclusive</i> based on the recommendations made by the Secretary-General (Doc. C7-07.1A, paragraph 37) and preliminary analysis from AU, NZ and GB , available in Doc. C7-07.1B).		Decision

² Proposal on the scope, TORs of a Strategic Plan Review Working Group if any, to be submitted to C-8 for approval and implementation

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	IHO events more inclusive	C7/40	<p>The Council endorsed the principle of considering an initial proposal for a IHO Resolution <i>Guidelines for Making IHO Events More Inclusive</i> (title to be confirmed) to be prepared by an ad hoc drafting group (AU, CL, FJ, NZ³, SG, GB, US...)</p> <p>The Council tasked the ad hoc drafting group (respectively IRCC) to conduct a survey⁴ on behalf of the Council to assess the feasibility, preference and willingness of MS, WGs, Committees Chairs... (respectively RHCs), to host and attend meeting in the four different modalities (in-person, in-person with live streaming, hybrid, or full VTC).</p> <p>Once the outcome of the survey are compiled by the ad hoc drafting group, IHO Secretariat to refine the draft proposed IHO Resolution in liaison with the ad hoc drafting group if appropriate, and submit it to IHO Member States for approval.</p>	<p>31 January 2024</p> <p>31 January 2024</p> <p>31 March 2024 (deadline 31 May 2024)</p>	In progress (last email NZ as lead, 7 Jan 2024)
		C7/41	<i>Left blank intentionally</i>		
7.2 Further digitalization of Secretariat`s operation - Development and introduction of improved registration and information sharing					

³ Lead.

⁴ Clear definitions of categories of meetings arrangements to be provided as part of the survey.

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		C7/42	<p>The Council endorsed the IHO Secretariat's ambitions to further digitalize the services rendered to IHO Member States and welcomed the offer made to IHO MS who would like to be involved in the different testing and acceptance phases of the new IHO Portal (POC: adtdt@iho.int).</p> <p>The Council noted the potential participation in the testing phase of BR, DK, FR, ID, JP, NO, SE, UK, and the US.</p>	from December 2023	<p>Decision</p> <p>In progress. (Internal IHO Secretariat workshop on 11 Jan 2024, S-101PT, and NIPWG testing)</p>
7.3 Implementation of a new global MSDI layer dedicated to Marine Protected Areas (MPA) - Proposal for discussion of the situation and follow up activities					
	MPA	C7/43	The Council noted the valid concerns raised by some Members during discussion and in the Red Book on the proposal to engage the IHO in the development of a new global MSDI MPA layer but did not reach a consensus for the MPA concept approach proposed by the Secretariat.		Decision

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	MPA	C7/44	<p>Following on clarification on the objectives provided by the Secretary-General, including updates from the last NIPWG-10 meeting on S-122 development, the Council agreed on the strategic need to promote the S-100 Concept with a quick-win through S-122.</p> <p>The Council tasked the IHO Secretariat to establish liaison with relevant data providers of MPAs and tasked the IRCC through the MSDIWG to establish a pilot project for the High Sea and MPAs adopted by IMO, to demonstrate the benefits of S-122 for non-navigation purposes.</p>	C-8	<p>Decision</p> <p>In progress</p>
8. NEXT MEETING					
8.1 Dates and venue for the 8th Meeting of the IHO Council					
	C-8	C7/45	The Council agreed to hold C-8 in Monaco, at the IHO Secretariat, from 15 to 17 Oct. 2024 (full in-person meeting, live streaming on request).	Go / no-go decision 15 June 2024	Decision
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS					
9.1 Information Paper (US): Navigation regulatory considerations for Hydrographic Organizations					
	C-8	C7/46	<p>The Council noted the information paper provided by the US on national regulations as well as the useful experience shared by other Member States.</p> <p>The Council encourages MS to participate in the activities of the ENCWG / ECS PT.</p>		In progress
10. REVIEW OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE MEETING					
11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING					