



Canadian Coast Guard

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## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY BY MEMBER STATES

Mr. Francis Zachariae  
Secretary-General  
International Organization for Marine  
Aids to Navigation  
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Cher Monsieur le Secrétaire général,

In accordance with Article 7.7 (d) of the Convention and Article 3.5 of the General Regulations of the association *mutatis mutandis*, I am honoured to inform you that I'm presenting Canada, represented by the Canadian Coast Guard, as a candidate for election to the Council of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation in February 2025.

I am proudly recommending that should Canada be elected, it will be represented at Council meetings by Ms. Antonella Ferro of the Canadian Coast Guard. Ms. Ferro can be contacted at

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Ms. Ferro oversees the operations for aids to navigation, waterways, icebreaking, and marine communications and traffic services, which includes vessel traffic services in Canadian waters, including leading the implementation of e-Navigation in Canada.

Ms. Ferro joined the Canadian Coast Guard in 2000 as a Marine Communications Traffic Services Officer and has more than 20 years of public service experience. Over the course of her career at the Canadian Coast Guard, she has held executive level and management roles in marine navigation programs and services, including maritime security.

I am pleased to convey my firm confidence in Ms. Ferro as the ideal candidate for a second term representing Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard as Head of Delegation at Council. After almost 70 years of active participation, Canada's steadfast commitment to the organization will once again be demonstrated during the upcoming mandate through the unwavering dedication of the Canadian Coast Guard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Pelletier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mario Pelletier  
Commissioner

Attachments:

1. Credentials of the Canadian Coast Guard
2. Biography, Ms. Antonella Ferro