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## **Resolution on the revision of the ICRI Organisation and Management Procedures**

adopted on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the 33<sup>th</sup> ICRI General Meeting (Monaco)

**Recalling** the adoption by ICRI members at the 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (Seychelles, 2005) of the initial Organization and Management Procedures for the International Coral Reef Initiative (the Procedures) compiled by the ICRI co-hosts the United Kingdom and the Seychelles;

Noting the valuable revisions to the Procedures undertaken in 2008-2009 and in 2013;

*Recalling* that the operation of ICRI is based on principles of cooperation and consensus;

*Wishing* to maintain effectiveness and efficiency of ICRI in general and the rotating ICRI Secretariat in particular;

*Noting that* for several countries (United Kingdom, The Netherlands, France) most of coral reefs are located in overseas territories.

*Noting also* the growing interest shown by some overseas territories in ICRI and its activities and the expressed will of some of them to join ICRI.

## The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI):

*Adopts* the revised Organisation and Management Procedures for the International Coral Reef Initiative (the Procedures) as below.

## **Eligibility**

1.1. The following are eligible to be a member of the Initiative:

(i) Any member state of the United Nations or grouping of such members.

(ii) Any government agency of a country with responsibility for, or an interest in, protecting coral reef [and associated] ecosystems.

(iii) Any specialised agency or program of the United Nations.

(iv)Any specialised public agency or program dealing with coral reefs.

(v) Any international, intergovernmental, or non-governmental organisation with significant national, regional, or global coral reef programs or interests.

(vi)Any private industry, company, venture or foundation with a direct and abiding interest in the well-being of coral reefs and associated ecosystems.



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(vii) Any government of an overseas territory or of a sub-national entity that is within the jurisdiction of an ICRI State member, and has responsibility for protecting coral reefs and associated ecosystems, and is authorised by the State member to apply for membership.

1.4. The membership request letter should be signed by the organisation's highest administration position. In the case of a government agency or department, the letter should be signed by the line Minister or the most senior official of that agency or department. In the case of an application for membership under paragraph 1.1(vii), the letter should be accompanied by written notice of the State member's authorisation."