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OPENING OF THE MEETING

Rene Garelo (RG) (Co-Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed Steering Group members (listed in Annex 1) and confirmed a quorum of members was present 16 of 22 voting members, who had kindly attended this specially arranged meeting. All agreed the vote could be recorded. He explained that the SG-OBPS Extraordinary Regular Meeting had been called in compliance with the IODE Rules of Procedure (MG91) where decisions could only be made at an annual SG-OBPS Regular Meeting or in special circumstances an Extraordinary Regular Meeting could be called if something important needed a decision.

The Endorsement Process had been discussed for a year or so, and it was now necessary to approve and implement the process,

The Endorsement Process Guidance Document had been reviewed by all SG and was screen-shared during the meeting. RG asked for any comments before the decision vote but there were none, other than to thank all those who had been involved in creating and documenting the process.

A vote was called and members added their vote into the [Chat](#). All 16 members present voted to approve the process and its implementation.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING
The meeting closed at 20.30 UTC

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