

## Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

11<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Maputo

12 - 13 August 2014

### IHB Report

#### Status of Approval of Amendments to the IHO Convention

1. Amendments to the Convention on the IHO were approved by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference in May 2005. By August 2014, 41 of the required 48 approvals to the Protocol of Amendments had been received by the Government of Monaco.. The following IHO Member State of the SAIHC has not yet indicated its positive support for the Protocol of Amendments:

<b>No response as yet from:</b>
Mozambique

2. Mauritius is not required to accede to the Protocol of Amendments since these were adopted before Mauritius joined the IHO.

3. The amendments to the Convention will enter force three months after the necessary majority of approvals is received by the Government of Monaco. If the required number of approvals are received in the next two years, then the first Assembly of the IHO will be held in 2017.

#### Status of Approval of New Member States of the IHO

4. Montenegro became the newest Member State of the IHO on 3 December 2013 when the government of Monaco received an instrument of accession to the Convention on the IHO from the government of Montenegro . IHO membership now stands at 82.

5. Viet Nam, Brunei Darussalam, and Georgia have applied for membership of the IHO. By July 2014, the status of approvals was as follows:

State	Voting Status
Viet Nam	46 of 52 required
Brunei Darussalam	43 of 52 required
Georgia	46 of 52 required

6. The following IHO Member States of the SAIHC have not yet indicated positive support for Brunei Darussalam, Georgia or Viet Nam to join the IHO:

State Applying for Membership	No response as yet from:
Viet Nam	Mauritius Mozambique
Brunei Darussalam	Mauritius Mozambique
Georgia	Mauritius Mozambique

7. Bulgaria, Haiti, Mauritania, Montenegro and Sierra Leone have all been approved as Members of the IHO, but have yet to deposit their instruments of accession with the government of Monaco, to formally become Member States.

8. The Directing Committee, in cooperation with the Department of External Relations of the Government of Monaco, stands ready to assist, through diplomatic or other channels, those States' representatives that may be encountering difficulties in progressing the outstanding approvals through their respective governments.

### **Suspended Member States of the IHO**

9. The rights of Serbia, Congo and the Dominican Republic as Members of the IHO remain suspended. The Directing Committee is working with these States to expedite their return to full membership as soon as possible. The Directing Committee is also working closely with a number of States that have fallen behind on payments of their annual subscription.

### **Regional Applications for Membership of the IHO**

10. The Directing Committee, in cooperation with the Department of External Relations of the Government of Monaco, also stands ready to assist, through diplomatic or other channels, those non IHO Member States' representatives from the SAIHC region wishing to progress an application for membership of the IHO through their respective governments.

### **INT Chart and ENC Production Coordination - Region H**

11. South Africa, as Chair of the INT Chart Coordinating Committee for Region H, has continued to provide regular updates to S-11 Part B - Catalogue of INT Charts. Since SAIHC-9, 4 new INT charts have been published, as well as a new edition of another INT chart, by France, Portugal, South Africa and UK. In total, 86 INT charts have been published to date, out of 115 charts in the scheme (75 %).

### **5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC5)**

12. EIHC5 will take place from 6 to 10 October in the Auditorium Rainier III in Monaco. A number of Conference Circular Letters have been published that provide details. All are available from the IHO website.

13. In addition to discussing in progress and proposals related to the three parts of the IHO Work Programme, four special sessions of the EIHC5 have been allocated to presentations and discussions on topical issues. The selected themes are:

- Theme 1: The place of hydrographic data in a geospatial world
- Theme 2: E-navigation - its impact on the IHO and Member States
- Theme 3: New and emerging technologies (including crowd-sourced bathymetry)
- Theme 4: Capacity Building

14. In addition to the Industry Exhibition, an IHO Capacity Building exhibition and poster celebration of ten years of Nippon Foundation IHO-IOC GEBCO scholars will be arranged. A number of past scholars and alumni will provide poster displays of their work since graduation. These will be displayed throughout the period of the Conference.

### **Capacity Building Programme**

15. Notwithstanding the contributions and generous support from Japan (Nippon Foundation) and the Republic of Korea, funding for the IHO Capacity Building programme remains limited. The IHO and the RHCs should continue to explore alternative mechanisms to fulfil their requirements. In many RHCs, the involvement of the commercial sector has provided mutual benefits.

## **IHO Publicity**

16. World Hydrography Day. The theme for World hydrography Day 2015 will concentrate on the fact that much of the world's seas, oceans and navigable waters remain unsurveyed. The tag-line for the theme has yet to be formulated.

17. International Hydrographic Review. The IHR provides an opportunity for Member States to publicise technical and other achievements in the region. An editorial board comprising a representative from each region has been established. The current representative for the SAIHC is Captain Abri Kampfer.

18. Papers for consideration for publication in the IHR should be forwarded directly to the editor (ihreview@iho.int) and (ian.halls1@defence.au.gov).

### **Action Requested of SAIHC Member States**

19. SAIHC Member States are invited to:

- a. **Note** this report.
- b. **Report** in-country progress on approving the Amendments to the IHO Convention and approving New Member States, including any difficulties being encountered or IHB assistance required.
- c. **Continue to provide** updates to S-11, through South Africa as Chair of the INT Chart Coordinating Committee for Region H.
- d. **Take any other actions** as needed.