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To: Chairmen of Regional Hydrographic Commissions

**Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide  
IHO Publication S-55**

Dear Hydrographer,

At the fifth meeting of the Capacity Building Committee (CBC), held in Latvia, 5-7 June 2007, it was agreed that the CBC should take responsibility for overseeing the S-55 database until the IRCC convenes for the first time.

The CBC is developing a number of assessment and performance measures based on the data in S-55, and has a clear vested interest in the status of the information therein.

In the attached Annex you will find two tables, which the CBC has adopted to enable it to take stock of the gaps in the S-55 and monitor the updates. I have been directed to ask RHC Chairmen to report formally on measures, which are in place in their regions to address the gaps and to secure a systematic update. Once again it is noted that adoption of the standard IHO formats for RHC Agendas and National Reports would assist this process.

On behalf of the Capacity Building Committee  
Yours sincerely,

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**CBC TABLE OF GAPS IN THE S-55 DATA-BASE**

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RHC	Nation/ Area	Comment
A	USA	GMDSS data needed for most overseas areas.
B	Costa Rica	
	Dominican Republic	
	Guatemala	
	Guyana	MSI/GMDSS data needed.
	Haiti	
	Nicaragua	
	Panama	
	Venezuela	
C1	Uruguay	
D	Denmark, Faeroes	MSI/GMDSS data needed.
	Denmark, Greenland	
F	Albania	Large-scale ENC data needed.
	Bosnia-Herzegovina	
	Egypt	
	Georgia	
	Israel	
	Lebanon	MSI/GMDSS data needed.
	Libya	
	Morocco	Charting and MSI/GMDSS data needed.
	Syria	MSI/GMDSS data needed.
	Palestinian Authority	
H	Australia, Heard & McDonald Is	MSI/GMDSS data needed.
I	Iran	
	Kuwait	
	UAE	
J	Djibouti	Some MSI/GMDSS data needed.
	India, Andaman Islands	
K	Brunei Darussalam	
	Cambodia	Charting and MSI/GMDSS data needed.
	DPRK	
	Indonesia	
	Marshall Islands	
	Palau	
	Timor Leste	MSI/GMDSS data needed.
	Vietnam	
	Paracel Islands	
	Spratly Islands	
M	Antarctica	
	Norway, Peter I Øy	MSI/GMDSS data needed.

**CBC TABLE OF UPDATE OF ENTRIES IN S-55**

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<b>RHC</b>	<b>% Updated in last 12 months</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>50%</b>	50% are original entries.
<b>B</b>	<b>53%</b>	Reflects MACHC Visit Team activity and action by PR HOs.
<b>C1</b>	<b>40%</b>	
<b>C2</b>	<b>None</b>	50% are original entries.
<b>D</b>	<b>33%</b>	
<b>E</b>	<b>30%</b>	50% are original entries.
<b>F</b>	<b>14%</b>	At least 23% are original entries.
<b>G</b>	<b>27%</b>	60% are original entries.
<b>H</b>	<b>44%</b>	36% are original entries.
<b>I</b>	<b>25%</b>	37% are original entries.
<b>J</b>	<b>37%</b>	44% are original entries.
<b>K</b>	<b>16%</b>	37% are original entries.
<b>L</b>	<b>18%</b>	69% are original entries.
<b>M</b>	<b>100%</b>	Provisional entries for mainland.