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**FIG-IHO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION
COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TACC)**

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

Reference: IHB CL 50/1998 dated 15 October 1998.

Dear Sir,

1. Twenty-seven Member States responded to CL 50/1998 all approving the new Terms of Reference for the FIG-IHO Technical Assistance and Cooperation Coordinating Committee. Bearing in mind that approval requires one-third of those Member States entitled to vote, these new Terms of Reference for the TACC are now officially adopted and will be inserted in Section 2 of Chapter K of the IHO Technical Resolutions as a new T.R. K 2.19.
2. The period of chairmanship of 2 years, which some countries consider too short, will be reconsidered at the XIIIth TACC Meeting, 27-28 April 1999.
3. The IHB is also pleased to inform IHO Member States that a new member has been appointed to the TACC on behalf of the IHO. The new member is Mr. Ilidio ZACARIAS Goenha, Mozambique.
4. Some Member States made comments/suggestions and these are reproduced herewith in annex 1 for your information.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President

Annex 1 - Member States' comments

**COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBER STATES
REGARDING TACC TERMS OF REFERENCE
(IN RESPONSE TO CL 50/1998)**

Argentina

In para. 2 of the TOR the original text "The outgoing Chairman will become Vice Chairman", it may be replaced by: "The Vice Chairman should be appointed by the other Organizations, FIG or IHO as the case may be; such position should usually be filled by the outgoing chairman."

Ecuador

An assessment of the results obtained, both in hydrographic surveying and in digital information production to be used for nautical charts, is necessary. In this way, it will be possible not only to give advice, but also to re-orientate and/or support the development and application of new technologies, enabling the Member States to attain international standards.

France

1. It would have been useful to specify in the covering letter those modifications made to the Terms of Reference approved by the XVth IHC (Decision No. 25 refers).
2. Although France does not approve the principle of limiting the chairmanship term to two years, it is not opposed to the adoption of the proposed text.
3. Para. 1.3 of the French version must be corrected to conform to the English version to read: "... l'élaboration d'accords bilatéraux ou multilatéraux entre pays"
4. The updating of the Technical Resolutions K4.1, K 4.2 and K 4.3 indicated in XVth IHC Decision No. 25 remains to be done.

Monaco

It seems to Monaco that the period of two years fixed for the chairmanship of the TACC is too short.

The French version of the draft Terms of Reference should be modified by adding "ou multilatéraux" after "bilatéraux" (first line, para. 1.3).

Norway

TOR Item 2 - Chairmanship: period of 2 years is too short; proposes 3 or 4.

Republic of South Africa

It must be brought to the attention of the TACC that, although South Africa has adequate facilities, technical assistance to other states is at this stage very limited due to the present shortage of personnel within this office.

United Kingdom

UK agrees with France concerning the two-year term for the Chairmanship. Suggests that in paragraph 2 of the TACC Terms of Reference, the two-year term be amended to five years, as proposed by France in their paper presented to the TACC Committee meeting held in Brighton in July 1998.
