

COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN IMO AND IHO

Dear Sir,

Following the implementation of the IHO Work Plan and, in particular, Project Task 1.2.2. "Formalize relationships with IMO and IALA through signature of Memoranda of Understanding", the President of the IHB Directing Committee and Captain F. Bermejo had a meeting with the Director of Legal Affairs and the External Relations Division at IMO Headquarters on 17 November 1998 to review the "Understanding in respect of Co-operation between the IMO and the IHO" signed on 3 February 1983 (see IHB Circular Letter 5/1983).

During this meeting, it was noted that co-operation between IMO and IHO is governed by the provisions of Assembly Resolution A.64 (III) of 25 October 1963, the text of which is in force and which establishes co-operation and exchange of information on matters of mutual interest to both organizations. (see Annex I)

Both IMO and IHO feel that Assembly Resolution A.64 provides wide scope for co-operation in all fields and is described as an "Arrangement for Co-operation" and note that, at present, only two IGOs (the IHO and one other) enjoy this special status. The IHB Directing Committee is convinced that it is not necessary to limit any aspect of this co-operation through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which only covers certain subjects, as in the case of the MOU signed in 1983, which was specifically related to Technical Assistance.

For the reasons outlined above, the IMO and the IHO have, by mutual agreement, cancelled the "Understanding in respect of Co-operation between the IMO and the IHO" signed on 3 February 1983.

The IHB and IMO representatives noted that the Organization is referred to in Resolution A.64 (III) as the International Hydrographic Bureau and not as the International Hydrographic Organization, which became the official name on 22 September 1970, following the entry into force of the IHO Convention. The IMO Secretariat will advise the 82nd Council (14-18 June) of the change of name and the records will be amended accordingly.

Any comments you may have would be most welcome.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President

Annex I. Text of IMO Assembly Resolution A.64
Annex II. Text of the MOU of 3 February 1983.

Resolution A.64 (III) of the IMO Assembly 1963, Section IV, paragraph 18(d)

Relations with inter-governmental organizations - IHB and CCC

Maintenance of co-operation and exchange of information on matters of mutual interest, particularly with the International Hydrographic Bureau and the Customs Co-operation Council.

**UNDERSTANDING IN RESPECT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) AND
THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO)**

With a view to co-operating with each other in the provision of technical assistance to developing countries in the field of hydrography and related aspects within the scope of their competence and areas of activity as provided for in their respective conventions, IMO and IHO agree as follows:

1. *Upon request by IMO, IHO will provide any or all of the following services in respect of technical co-operation projects related to the field of hydrography, which are being undertaken or executed by IMO:*

- a) advice to countries in establishing or strengthening their hydrographic facilities;*
- b) assistance in the location of appropriate experts to assist countries to assess existing facilities and requirements and advice on measures to establish or improve hydrographic and cartographic facilities including the identification of the most appropriate national structure;*
- c) assistance in obtaining training facilities or opportunities at appropriate hydrographic training institutions for hydrographic surveying and nautical cartography;*
- d) assistance in the development of arrangements of co-operation and assistance between countries with well established hydrographic offices and those desiring to establish or improve their hydrographic capabilities.*

2. *The costs of services provided by IHO under this Agreement shall be charged to the funds made available to IMO in respect of the projects or programmes carried out.*

3. *IMO undertakes to promote through its advisory services the establishment or strengthening of hydrographic infrastructures in developing countries.*

4. *In order to facilitate effective co-ordination in the provision of assistance in hydrographic matters, IMO and IHO will exchange information on requests for assistance and, as appropriate, programmes and project plans in respect of such requests.*

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*Signed by IMO Secretary General
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