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**IMO/IHO/IMA CO-OPERATION ARRANGEMENT ON HYDROGRAPHIC AND
NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHY COURSES CONDUCTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME ACADEMY (IMA).**

Dear Sirs,

As you are aware, in March 1988 the IMO and the Italian Government signed an agreement to establish an International Maritime Academy in Trieste and to *grant scholarships for courses in appropriate maritime sectors in favor of citizens of developing States.*

The IHB Directing Committee at that time (Rear Admiral Haslam, Rear Admiral Civetta and Mr. Kerr) was informed of this agreement, and was able to add hydrographic courses in the IMA course programme. Since then the IHB has closely followed the IMA activities in order to satisfy the training requirements. In addition, several IHO Member States have provided for each course, and for a limited period of time, qualified teachers for the hydrographic courses. Some Member States have also provided training on board their ships.

The IMA is now a real international training institution that has provided upto now, more than 180 qualified hydrographers to national hydrographic institutions worldwide, at no cost to those institutions.

The IHB Directing Committee would now like to formalise this very fruitful co-operation between IHO and both IMO and IMA by setting up a tripartite arrangement. After a preliminary exchange of correspondence with IMO and IMA we have reached an agreed text of the arrangement which is submitted to the IHO Member States for information and comments.

It is the intention of the IHB Directing Committee to sign the arrangement on the occasion of the next IMO Council (15 November 2000).

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely

Rear Admiral Giuseppe Angrisano
President

Annex : draft arrangement

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ON HYDROGRAPHIC AND NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHY COURSES
CONDUCTED AT
THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ACADEMY - TRIESTE**

Taking into account the framework of co-operation between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), as prescribed under IMO Assembly Resolution A64(1963);

Recognizing the long-term co-operation between IHO and IMA with respect to the development and conduct of hydrographic courses at IMA;

Recognizing the priority afforded to capacity-building and human resource development through maritime training under the IMO Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme;

Now therefore the three parties agree as follows:

The International Hydrographic Organization shall:

1. Support the courses in Hydrography and Nautical Cartography implemented at IMA through the following activities:
 - 1.1 co-operation in the drafting of the syllabi for the Hydrographic and Nautical Cartography courses in accordance with the standards established by the FIG-IHO;
 - 1.2 the provision of lecturers for the courses from the Hydrographic Services of voluntary IHO Member States and from the IHO Secretariat (IHB);
 - 1.3 the dissemination of information on the hydrographic courses held in IMA through IHO Circular Letters addressed to all IHO Member States and to a number of potential recipients;
 - 1.4 the participation in the selection of the applicants for each hydrographic and nautical cartography course; and
 - 1.5 the support of the Hydrographic Offices of IHO Member States, where applicable, to provide supplementary training onboard their survey vessels and facilities.

The IMA shall:

- 2.1 organize and co-ordinate the Hydrography and Nautical Cartography courses;
- 2.2 provide secretarial, logistical, and administrative support;
- 2.3 administrate the funds provided by IMO and other donor sources;
- 2.4 draft the syllabi for the courses in accordance with the FIG/IHO standards; and
- 2.5 submit courses for recognition from the FIG/IHO Advisory Board.

The IMO shall:

- 3.1 assist, where practicable, in the mobilization of resources from external sources of funding, including donor agencies, donor countries, and regional bodies, in support of the conduct of Hydrography and Nautical Cartography courses at IMA;
- 3.2 provide technical assistance to IMA in accordance with the priorities of the IMO Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme and availability of funding; and
- 3.3 report to IMO governing bodies, including the Council and the Technical Co-operation Committee, on activities undertaken at IMA.

Additional provisions

The co-operation arrangement contained herein will run for a period of **two years**, which may be renewed on an annual basis with the written agreement of the parties.

This co-operation arrangement shall be reviewed on a regular basis normally once a year, and shall be subject to available funding, with no expectation of renewal and continuation.

This co-operation arrangement may be terminated by any party giving three (3) months' written notice to the other parties.

The terms of this co-operation arrangement can be modified in writing by mutual consent of IMO, IHO and IMA (Trieste).

Signed and agreed by:

IMO Secretary
General

President of the IHB
Directing Committee
Rear Admiral G. ANGRISANO

IMA Director
Dr. Piero MARIN

On behalf of IMO

Date:

On behalf of IHO

Date:

On behalf of IMA

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