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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO)
AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC)**

Dear Sir,

Following the implementation of the IHO Work Plan and, in particular, Project Task 1.2.2. "Formalize relationships with other international organizations through Memoranda of Understanding", the IHB Directing Committee and the Executive Secretary of the IOC, Dr. Patricio Bernal, reviewed the terms of the IOC-IHO Memorandum of Understanding, signed in 1984, and have agreed and signed a new text which is attached herewith as Annex A.

The new text emphasizes the co-operation between both organizations within the framework of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, as agreed during the First Meeting of the United Nations Consultative Process to review the developments in Ocean Affairs, the report of which was communicated to the IHO Member States by CL 34/2000.

Any comments you may have would be most welcome.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President

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AND
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION**

(2000)

Background: This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be considered as the updated version of the MOU established between the IOC and the IHO on 25 January 1984 and which was implemented with satisfactory results.

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), being aware of the growing need for close-co-operation in activities of common interest to both Organizations and their Member States, agree on the following:

- (a) to continue to co-operate in the development of the IOC/IHO General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO), and in the development of International Bathymetric Charts (IBC) in accordance with the decisions of the International Hydrographic Conference and the IOC Assembly, and, in particular, to promote the free exchange of processed data between the two Organizations both for the production of future editions of GEBCO and IBC, and for use as a base for the preparation of various kinds of geological/geophysical, physical, chemical and biological overprint/overlay sheets;
- (b) co-operate closely, on an equal basis, in any other joint subsidiary bodies that may be established by the two organizations, with or without other co-sponsoring bodies;
- (c) take measures to strengthen and broaden their reciprocal co-operation, particularly with respect to requirements resulting from the new ocean regime, especially from the provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, including related co-operation with the UN Secretariat for the law of the Sea and, in due course as appropriate, with bodies that may be established within the framework of the

- (f) To promote training, education and capacity building in all spheres of surveys mapping and charting of mutual interests by enhancing the awareness of the Member States of both Organizations to the importance of co-operation in the use of training facilities, research institutions, vessels, data, and the expertise and experience of personnel, especially to the benefit of developing States;
- (g) To invite each other's representatives and experts to attend and actively participate, without the right to vote, in meetings of their respective governing and of those subsidiary bodies at which subjects of specific interest to both organizations are being discussed;
- (h) To consider the possibility of temporary exchange of personnel;
- (i) To hold periodic meetings between IOC Secretary General and the IHB Directing Committee on the above matters.

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President of the Directing Committee

Executive Secretary

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(1984)**

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- (a) to continue to co-operate in the development of the IOC/IHO General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO), in accordance with the decisions of the International Hydrographic Conference and the IOC Assembly, and, in particular, to promote the free exchange of processed data between the two Organizations both for the production of future editions of GEBCO, and for use as a base for the preparation of various kinds of geological/geophysical, physical, chemical and biological overprint/overlay sheets;
- (b) co-operate closely, on an equal basis, in any other joint subsidiary bodies that may be established by the two organizations, with or without other co-sponsoring bodies;
- (c) take measures to strengthen and broaden their reciprocal co-operation, particularly with respect to requirements resulting from the new ocean regime, especially from the provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, including related co-operation with the UN Secretariat for the law of the Sea and, in due course as appropriate, with bodies that may be established within the framework of the Convention (e.g. the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf);
- (d) co-operate in the formulation of proposals for, and the execution of, technical assistance projects having components which fall within the competence and the expertise of the respective Organizations, including advance exchange of relevant information and the formulation of other measures required to implement the projects (see Annex):

(g) facilitate the rapid interchange of information and of publications, particularly on matters of common interest to both organizations.

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Dr. Mario RUIVO

25 January 1984