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**CHAIRMANSHIP AND VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP OF
THE IHO LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)
(MODIFIED) TERMS OF REFERENCE
(as adopted at the XVIth International Hydrographic Conference, April 2002)**

Reference: IHB CL 61/2001 dated 14 December 2001.

Dear Sir,

In response to the above-referenced Circular Letter, Ms Denise WEBSTER (USA) was nominated for the LAC Chairmanship by the USA and the UK, whereas Mr. Kenneth POGSON (Australia) was nominated for the Vice-Chairmanship by Australia.

As Member States are aware, these appointments were confirmed at the XVIth International Hydrographic Conference and are effective immediately.

The Terms of Reference were also reviewed at the XVIth I.H. Conference following a Proposal submitted by Australia (PRO 8/Rev.1), and the final text, as approved at the Conference, is annexed to this CL (Annex A).

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,


Rear Admiral Neil GUY
Director

Encl: Annex A

IHO LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE
(as adopted at XVIth I.H. Conference)

1. The IHO Legal Advisory Committee, as a source of relevant legal information and a focal point for consideration of legal issues which may arise in pursuing IHO initiatives and programs, will, subject to clause 2:

- a. Consider legal issues raised by a Member State or the Chairman of an IHO subsidiary body and submitted through the Directing Committee of the I.H. Bureau. The Directing Committee may also itself raise relevant issues for consideration.
- b. Respond to such legal issues that are relevant to these Terms of Reference and raised under (a) above through the IHB.
- c. Interact directly, as required, with parties originating such issues to obtain background information or clarifications.
- d. Keep the Directing Committee of the I.H. Bureau and, through them, all Member States informed of the results of considerations made.
- e. Conduct its business by correspondence to the maximum extent practical.

2. The Committee will restrict itself to matters generally relating to the interpretation and application of the IHO Basic Documents and the conduct and execution of the aims of the IHO as described in the IHO Work Program. It will not serve as counsel or legal advisors to the Directing Committee over matters concerning the general administration of the I.H. Bureau, its staff or in the conduct of related IH Bureau administration.
