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**SPECIAL SESSION ON TSUNAMI DISASTER IN THE INDIAN OCEAN**

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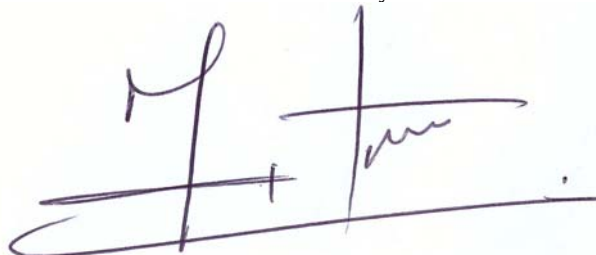
Dear Hydrographer,

At the Reference the IHB announced that a special session would be held after the 3<sup>rd</sup> EIHC in order to discuss the tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean. This special session will take place in the Auditorium Rainier III from 0900 – 1400 on Saturday 16 April.

A draft Agenda for this session is attached at Annex A. In order to finalise the arrangements it is requested that any comments on this agenda be forwarded to the IHB at the first opportunity. It is further requested that copies of any papers or presentations to be made at the special session be forwarded to the IHB in advance so that copies can be made for all delegates and posted on the IHO web site.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,



Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President

Annex A: Draft Agenda for the Special Session on the Tsunami Disaster in the Indian Ocean

## Special Session on the Tsunami Disaster in the Indian Ocean

Saturday 16 April (0900 - 1400) - Auditorium Rainier III

### Draft Agenda

1. **Welcome by the President of the IHB.** : - The President will welcome delegates and provide a brief rationale for the meeting.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda.**
3. **Presentations by:**
  - 3.1. **Member States affected by the Tsunami:** - States affected by the Tsunami may provide a presentation outlining the problems caused by the Tsunami, actions taken to remedy the situation and any assistance required.
  - 3.2. **IHB:** IHB will report on the actions taken and future intentions.
  - 3.3. **IMO:** IMO will report on the actions taken and future intentions.
  - 3.4. **IALA:** IALA will report on the actions taken and future intentions
  - 3.5. **IOC:** "Building Capacity to generate coastal bathymetry". In addition to presenting this paper the IOC may provide a brief report on the outcome of the International Coordination Meeting that was held at IOC from 3 - 8 March. The IHB will briefly report on its attendance at this meeting. Member States affected should be prepared to respond to the proposals in the IOC paper.
  - 3.6. **Other Member States:** Other Member States who wish to do so may make brief presentations.
  - 3.7. **Chairmen of the EAHC and NIOHC:** The Chairmen will report on the outcomes of the two Commissions' meetings that took place in February and March. As tasked at the NIOHC meeting the IHB will report on the damage assessment and support requested and Germany will report on the coordinating efforts with other countries to provide that support.
4. **An IHO Response to Disasters:** The IHB will present a draft proposal for the actions to be taken by the IHO should similar disasters occur in the future.
5. **Action Items.**
6. **Any Other Business**

There will be an opportunity for questions after each presentation.

A coffee break will be held from 1100 - 1130.

It is planned to complete Agenda items 1 - 3.5 before the coffee break and conclude the meeting by 1400