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ACCREDITATION OF
NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGIO)
AS OBSERVERS TO
THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO)

Dear Hydrographer,

Decision No.5 of the 3rd Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference was to adopt the procedures for accreditation of Non-Governmental International Organizations (NGIO) as Observers to the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). Resolution T1.2 codifies this decision detailing the rules and procedures for such accreditation.

The Directing Committee has reviewed characteristics of several NGIOs that have routinely contributed to the objectives of the IHO and verified that they meet the criteria specified in Resolution T1.2. Therefore, the NGIOs listed in Annex A are recommended for accreditation as Observers to the IHO.

You are invited to review this list. Subject to your objections, to reach the IHB **by 1 April 2006**, to specific organizations becoming Observers to the IHO, the Directing Committee will notify the executive officer of each listed organization of their status as an accredited Observer to the IHO. You are also invited to provide the IHB with additional NGIOs you believe warrant accreditation. As set forth in TR T1.2, a list of NGIOs to be considered for accreditation will be compiled twice each year for Member State review and approval. Furthermore, the Directing Committee will periodically review the list of accredited observers to ensure they continue to comply with the criteria for accreditation.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Barbor', is written over a horizontal line.

Rear Admiral Kenneth BARBOR
Director

Annex A

**NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGIO)
RECOMMENDED FOR ACCREDITATION AS OBSERVERS TO
THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO)**

Comité International Radio Maritime (CIRM)
International Association of Institutes of Navigation (IAIN)
International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
International Association of Geodesy (IAG)
International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH)
International Cartographic Association (ICA)
International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
International Council of Cruise Lines (ICCL)
International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS)
International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
International Geographical Union (IGU)
International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)
International Organization of Standards (ISO)
International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO)
International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)
Navigational Electronic Charts System Association (NECSA)
Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)