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

Reference: CL 22/2006 of 15 February 2006.

Dear Hydrographer,

Decision No.5 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 above-referenced Circular Letter proposed eighteen NGIOs, listed in Annex A, that have routinely contributed to the objectives of the IHO for accreditation as Observers to the IHO. No objections to this list were received and the listed NGIOs have been notified of their status.

Three additional NGIOs have petitioned the IHB or were recommended by Member States for accreditation, specifically:

Chart and Nautical Instrument Trade Association (CNITA)  
Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM)  
Requirements, Technology and Concepts for Aviation (RTCA).

The Directing Committee has verified that each of these organizations meet the criteria specified in Resolution T1.2 and have been active participants, by invitation, in the workings of the IHO.

You are invited to review the above list. Subject to your objections, to reach the IHB **by 1 January 2007**, 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", written over a horizontal line.

Rear Admiral Kenneth BARBOR  
Director

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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) (*Withdrawn as NGIO as determined to be an IGO*)  
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)