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**REVIEW OF TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS (M-3)
BY THE CAPACITY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Capacity Building Committee (CBC) has reviewed the following Technical and Administrative Resolutions (M-3): K4.1 to K4.3; and R6.1 to R6.4. The CBC proposes revised texts for Resolutions K4.2 and K4.3 and a minor amendment to resolution R6.2. The revised resolutions are given in Annex A.

2 The proposed changes to K4.2 and K4.3 are simply intended to modernize the text. With regard to R6.2, the proposed change will avoid the Capacity Building Fund (CBF) incurring bank charges. Control and administration of the CBF can be exercised internally and is reported annually to the CBC and also included in Part 2 of the IHO Annual Report – Finances.

3 Member States are requested to review these amendments and indicate their acceptance or otherwise by completing the voting form at Annex B and returning it to the IHB by **31 January 2008**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director

Annex A: Revised Resolutions
Annex B: Voting Form

Please note that in the following text all amendments are highlighted, new text is in "italic" font and deleted text is "struck through".

K4.2 HYDROGRAPHY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

~~The XIth Conference,~~

~~Recognizing that many Member States do not yet have adequate hydrographic facilities,~~

~~Further recognizing the urgent necessity of establishing full national capabilities to meet the growing need for modern hydrographic survey and charting programmes,~~

~~1. Strongly urges that developing Member States give urgent consideration to establishing or expanding their hydrographic capabilities, if necessary by applying through their respective Governments for assistance which is available from organizations that fund assistance projects, e.g. UNDP and World Bank, or by entering into bilateral arrangements with developed Member States.~~

Recognizing that many Member States do not yet have adequate hydrographic facilities to meet SOLAS requirements and the growing need for modern hydrographic surveys and ENC production, the IHO should take all possible measures to urge developing Member States to give urgent consideration to establishing or expanding their hydrographic capabilities. If necessary by applying - through their respective Governments - for assistance which is available from relevant international organizations (for example European Union, UNDP and World Bank), or by entering into bilateral arrangements with developed Member States.

K4.3 TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

~~The XIth Conference,~~

~~Realizing the need for co-operation of all maritime countries to meet the expanding requirements for hydrographic surveying and nautical charts and publications,~~

~~Realizing further the urgent need for training of hydrographic personnel of developing Member States and other developing nations,~~

~~Noting that training and technical assistance, both extended on a bilateral basis and sponsored through programmes of international organizations, are expeditious and effective means of accomplishing these aims,~~

~~1. Urges the Member States with developed hydrographic facilities to give favourable consideration to requests for training and technical assistance from new and developing Member States.~~

~~2. Urges all Member States to seek opportunities to advise officials of new or developing nations of the work of the IHO.~~

~~3. Recommends that developed Member States offering scholarships, technical assistance and training programmes should forward the details of such scholarships and programmes to the IHB.~~

~~4. Resolves that the IHB shall maintain a repository of current specific information on hydrographic training and technical assistance programmes available from Member States for dissemination to all Members and other inquiring nations, in accordance with Article VIII of the Convention.~~

Member States with developed hydrographic facilities are urged to give favourable consideration to requests for training and technical assistance from new and developing Member States. Those Member States offering scholarships, technical assistance and training programmes are invited to forward the details of such scholarships and programmes to the IHB. The IHB shall maintain a repository of current specific information on hydrographic training and technical assistance programmes available from Member States for dissemination to all Members and other inquiring nations, in accordance with Article VIII of the Convention.

R 6.2 THE CAPACITY BUILDING FUND

The Capacity Building Fund will be integrated by:

An annual contribution from the IHO Budget approved by Member States.

Donations made by governments, other international organizations, funding agencies, public or private institutions, associations or private individuals in support of IHO Capacity Building initiatives.

Contributions earmarked for a specific capacity building initiative may also be received.

The IHB shall open a special **internal bank** account for the sole purpose of facilitating the management and control of the funds received to support capacity building initiatives, either coming from the normal IHO budget and/or extraordinary external contributions received.

Note: ~~Details of the special bank account shall be provided to all Member States and other potential donors to facilitate their contribution.~~

Adoption of new / amended Resolutions

Voting FORM

(to be returned to the IHB by 31 January 2008
E-mail: info@ihb.mc - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40)

Member State:

Do you approve the amendments to TR K4.2 YES NO

Comments (if any):
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Do you approve the amendments to TR K4.3 YES NO

Comments (if any):

Do you approve the amendments to AR R6.2 YES NO

Comments (if any):

Name / Signature Date: