

**INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC  
ORGANIZATION**



**ORGANISATION HYDROGRAPHIQUE  
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**THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO)  
RECOGNIZED AS A PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION IN  
THE GROUP ON EARTH OBSERVATIONS (GEO)**

Reference: a) CL06/2006 dated 18 January 2006

Dear Hydrographer,

1 In reference a), the Directing Committee informed Member States of the intention to petition the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) for the IHO to become a Participating Organization of GEO. In the Plenary of GEO-III (Bonn, Germany, 27-28 November 2006), the IHO was officially recognized as a Participating Organization of GEO.

2 GEO is actively pursuing the development of its work program and the accomplishment of its mission through numerous forums and symposia. Additionally, GEO-IV Plenary followed by a Ministerial Summit is scheduled for 28-30 November 2007 in Cape Town, South Africa. The Directing Committee believes several of these events are important opportunities for the IHO to highlight its role in conducting earth observations and providing these data for marine spatial data infrastructure applications. These events also enable the IHO to remain abreast of international efforts in earth observations and spatial data infrastructure development.

3 The Directing Committee will attempt to ensure adequate IHO representation at appropriate GEO meetings through judicious use of IHB staff and Member State representation. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

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