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### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Reference: XVIIth I.H. Conference Decision No. 36 – New Directing Committee

Dear Sir,

1 On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007, the new Directing Committee, composed of Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS, President, Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA, Director I and Captain Robert WARD, Director II, took office.

2 During the past two weeks, the elected Directing Committee has held several co-ordination meetings to decide on the distribution of responsibilities amongst the Directors aiming at providing the most suitable service to Member States.

3 The Directing Committee has agreed on the following distribution of responsibilities:

.1 **President:**

Key topics will include:

- Relations with: the United Nations; International Cartographic Association; International Maritime Organization; World Meteorological Organization, European Union; International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authority; International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean and Non-Member States and GEO.
- CPRNW; ISPWG; ABLOS; LAC; Maritime Safety Information; Hydrographic Surveying Information Services
- Matters concerning IHO Membership and IHB Administration; Host Government Affairs and Public Relations.
- IHO Finances and Budget
- IHO Re-structuring – Staff Regulations

and the following Regional Hydrographic Commissions:

- North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission
- North Sea Hydrographic Commission
- Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission
- South Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission

.2 **Director I:**

Key topics will include:

- Relations with: the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission; all International Bodies concerned with Antarctic matters; the Pan American Institute of Geography and History; FIG and the Academic Sector (education and training).
- Capacity Building, Training and Education and Technical Co-operation activities.
- GEBCO and International Bathymetric Mapping Projects.
- Matters referring to Information Management (Publications).
- IHO Work Program

- IRRC matters

and the following Regional Hydrographic Commissions and Committee:

- Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission
- South East Pacific Hydrographic Commission
- ROPME Sea Area Hydrographic Commission
- Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico Hydrographic Commission
- South West Atlantic Hydrographic Commission
- Antarctic Hydrographic Committee

.3 **Director II:**

Key topics will include:

- Relations with the International Organization for Standardization and International Electrotechnical Commission.
- Marine Cartographic matters including CHRIS and its Working Groups; WEND; Tidal Committee and others related international organizations and bodies, such as NAV within IMO and DGWIG.
- Spatial Data Infrastructure matters and related international organizations and bodies.
- Matters related to IHB Property and Information Technology.
- HSSC matters.

and the following Regional Hydrographic Commissions:

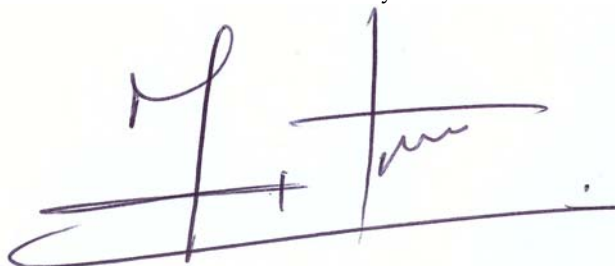
- Nordic Hydrographic Commission
- Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission
- USA/Canada Hydrographic Commission
- East Asia Hydrographic Commission
- South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission

4 The above is an initial division of responsibilities which may be adjusted in the future should the Directing Committee deem it necessary, particularly in the light of the IHO re-structuring process.

5 The Directing Committee sincerely hopes that these arrangements will facilitate Member States' contact with the Bureau and benefit the Organization.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line and a vertical stroke, with a smaller signature to the right.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President