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References: a) CL 2/2007 dated 8 January

b) IHO Publication M-3 - Resolutions of the IHO

Dear Hydrographer,

- Reference a) announced the acceptance of the very generous offer from the Republic of Korea for the secondment of Mr CHOI Shin-Ho to the IHB. The valuable assistance of Mr CHOI has increased the progress on a number of activities in the IHO Work Program, particularly the collation of geospatial data for Antarctic waters and the analysis and validation of the IHO-IOC GEBCO undersea feature names database and software program. Mr CHOI completed his secondment on 24 October 2007. The Directing Committee wishes to thank the government of the Republic of Korea and Mr CHOI for the assistance that this secondment has provided.
- The Directing Committee has reviewed the IHO Work Programme and has identified a number of other important activities under the IHO Work Program that could benefit if suitably experienced secondees were available. The Directing Committee therefore invites Member States to consider whether they have appropriately skilled personnel available for secondment to work on the following activities:

Priority	Task
1	Act as IHO webmaster Develop on-line dictionary and database capabilities. Provide general IT support to IHB functions
2	Provide GIS support with particular emphasis on the development and implementation of web map server technologies and applications Maintain the IHO-IOC GEBCO undersea feature names database and program.

3	In liaison with TSMAD and other relevant Working Groups, develop draft product specifications based on S-100 for hydrographic metadata and for hydrographic source data.
	Review and standardise all technical terms used in IHO documents, standards and guidelines, proposing relevant updates and revisions to those documents.
4	Provide technical liaison and assistance in the development of Marine Information Overlays (MIOs), particularly in relation to the work of the HGMIO, the IMO Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration Project, and the development of S-100 and its subsidiary product specifications.

Member States who wish to propose officers for secondment in accordance with Technical Resolution T4.2.1.a are requested to submit details to the IHB for consideration. Member States should note that all expenses of seconded officers must be met by the sponsoring State. Details should include an explanation of their experience, qualifications and suitability in relation to any of the above tasks.

> On behalf of the Directing Committee Yours sincerely,

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President