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

Reference: a) CL 100/2007 dated 9 November

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The IHB would like to thank the following 44 Member States who replied to CL 100/2007: Algeria; Argentina; Australia; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Belgium; Brazil; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Croatia; Cyprus; Estonia; Finland, France; Germany; Greece; Iceland; India; Italy; Japan; Korea Rep of; Malaysia; Mexico; Monaco; Morocco; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nigeria; Norway; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Portugal; Qatar; Singapore; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Tunisia; Turkey; UK; and the USA. All replies supported the amendments with some MS providing comments which are listed together with IHB comments in Annex A. At the date of CL 100/2007 the positive votes of 39 Member States were required, in accordance with the IHO Convention Article VI paragraph 6 to approve / amend resolutions. This requirement has therefore been met.

2 The IHB, following the recommendations made as commented upon in Annex A, has improved the text of K4.2, K4.3 and R6.2 proposed in CL 100/2007. The final text of these resolutions is provided in Annex B and will be incorporated in the Repertory of Technical and Administrative Resolutions of the IHO, Publication M-3, in due course.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

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Director

**France:**

Other than the hydrographic surveys and cartography, a mention concerning the importance of collecting data and the dissemination of maritime safety information could be added. Also, the resolution could have been stretched to non IHO Member States.

*Comment by the IHB: The IHB has decided to take on board France's comment as the first part completes the idea and the second one is in line with the titles of both K4.1 and K4.3.*

**Germany:**

K4.2: The wording of this resolution is grammatically not clear and should be amended. The following proposed wording is offered:

The IHO should take all possible measures to urge those Member States who do not yet have adequate hydrographic facilities to meet SOLAS requirements and the growing need for modern hydrographic surveys and ENC production to give urgent consideration to establishing or expanding their hydrographic capabilities. If necessary, such Member States should seek support 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.

*Comments by IHB: The IHB agrees that the text proposed by Germany provides a clearer resolution without altering its intent. The text has been amended accordingly incorporating France's comment and some editorials changes proposed by USA.*

**Korea Rep of:**

R6.2: If the special bank account for contributors is not provided anymore, IHOCBC may prepare best way to efficiently manage the breakdown (such as income and expenditure) of each contributor's account.

*Comments by IHB: Administrative Resolution R6.4, paragraph 4 covers the issue highlighted by the Republic of Korea.*

**Mexico:**

R6.2: We consider that the amendment is adequate and necessary, as those people enjoying the benefits of the CBC Fund do not need the details of the account, but rather the financial support which has been managed in a transparent, efficient and effective way by the representatives of this Committee.

**Pakistan:**

If possible some mention of the need for non-member states to enhance Hydrographic capability (through IMO/ appropriate organization) may also be included.

*Comments by IHB: This has been included see comments under France.*

**UK:**

K4.2: UK supports the revised text and confirms its continued commitment to providing assistance to developing countries to establish or expand their hydrographic capabilities, both nationally and through participation in IHO capacity building initiatives.

K4.3: UK supports the revised text and confirms its continued commitment to the provision of training and technical assistance to developing countries, both nationally and through active participation in IHO capacity building initiatives.

R6.2: UK can see little point in operating a separate bank account for the administration of the fund when it can be equally effectively controlled via an internal accounting mechanism. He proposed amendment is eminently sensible.

**USA:**

K4.2: Recommend the following changes: "Recognizing that many Member States do not yet have adequate hydrographic *and/or cartographic capability 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~~ *strongly encourage* developing Member States to give urgent consideration to ~~establishing~~ *developing* or expanding their hydrographic capabilities. If necessary, *they should apply 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~~ *enter* into bilateral arrangements with *more* developed Member States."

K4.3: Recommend the following changes: "Member States with developed hydrographic *and/or cartographic capabilities 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 *and/or cartographic* 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.

R6.2: Retain note with the following changes: "**Note:** Details of the special ~~bank~~ account shall be provided to all Member States and other potential donors to facilitate their contribution.

*Comments by IHB: The IHB has decided to take on board the editorial changes proposed as they improve the text without changing its objective. With regard to retaining the note and deleting the word "bank", the IHB considers the note to be unnecessary as the internal accounting procedure is of no use to donors.*

#### K4.2 HYDROGRAPHY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The IHO should take all possible measures to strongly encourage those developing countries that do not yet have adequate hydrographic and/or cartographic capability to meet:

- SOLAS requirements;
- the growing need for conducting modern hydrographic surveys;
- ENC production; and
- The dissemination of maritime safety information.

to give urgent consideration to developing or expanding their respective capabilities. If necessary, such countries should apply - through their respective Governments - for assistance which is available from relevant international organizations (for example European Union, UNDP and World Bank) or enter into bilateral arrangements with developed IHO Member States.

#### K4.3 TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Member States with developed hydrographic and/or cartographic capabilities are urged to give favourable consideration to requests for training and technical assistance from developing countries. 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 and/or cartographic 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; and

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 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.