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**P-7: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IHO FOR 2007  
APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE REPORT FOR 2007  
IHO WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2008**

Reference: CL 44/2008, dated 30 April 2008.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The IHB would like to thank the following Member States : Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Italy, Korea (Rep. of), Latvia, Morocco, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, USA and Uruguay, for having replied to the CL in the reference, and especially to those that provided comments: Canada, Cuba, France, Morocco, UK and USA.
2. After having received 46 replies approving the 2007 Finance Report, not one raising any objection, the Directing Committee considers that the 2007 Finance Report is approved.
3. The Directing Committee will consider the comments received, the text of which as well as the IHB notes referring to them are included in the Annex.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA  
Director

Annex A: Comments received by Member States' and IHB notes

COMMENTS RECEIVED BY MEMBER STATES AND IHB NOTES

**2007 Annual Report Part 1 General**

**1. CUBA**

Suggests that the ISPWG (Programme 5) report shall have the same structure as the other WGs reports, with indication of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members.

*Note: The IHB apologizes for having overlooked this and the suggestion will be considered in the 2008 Annual Report.*

**2. FRANCE**

Will submit any comments it may have within a month of receiving the French version.

*Note: The IHB shall make available the printed French version by the last week of August.*

**3. UK**

Flags an error in the name of the SNPWG chairman.

*Note: The IHB will correct it.*

**4. USA**

Flags a misspelling in page 43.

*Note: The IHB will amend this.*

**2007 Annual Report Part 2 Finances**

**FRANCE**

- a. Regrets that the report is only partially provided in the two languages of the IHO with some mistranslations affecting the French.
- b. Congratulates the DC for the strict budget management and approves the use of the budget excess as proposed.
- c. Seeks information on the reason behind the relatively high rate of charges and exchange costs on the CBFund transactions and
- d. Notes that the foreword considers an extraordinary conference in 2014 and would prefer to consider the option of "Assembly".

*Note: The IHB comments are:*

- a. *The IHB will try to improve the presentation for the 2008 Finance Report and will verify the mistranslations reported as regard to the 2007 Report.*
- b. *No comments.*
- c. *The relatively high rate of charges and exchange costs on the CBFund transactions are due to a change in policy adopted by the DC. Before 2007, the bank fees associated to the CBFund, the losses on the exchange operations and the fact that the contribution made by the Republic of Korea is in USD, where absorbed by the normal IHO budget. Since 2007 this expenditures are absorbed by the CBFund.*
- d. *With regard to the allusion to a 2014 extraordinary conference versus an Assembly, while the IHB sees with sympathy the allusion of an Assembly for 2014, we think that for the time being it s proper to make use of the current naming of these events.*

## **MOROCCO**

Suggests that a part of the budget excess be reserved for Capacity Building of the HOs of Member States and for supporting medical treatments needs of the IHB.

*Note: The suggestion made by Morocco was considered in 2006, when part of the excess was allocated to the CBFund. For 2007 it was found that there were other priorities to be covered, but a general assessment is made on a yearly basis, having CB as one of the targets.*

## **2008 Updated WP**

### **CANADA**

Supports the 2008 Work Program.

*Note : No comments.*

### **FRANCE**

Has three minor remarks to the French version of the Work Programme.

*Note: The IHB will consider the minor remarks to the French version.*

### **UK**

Indicates that the forthcoming RSAHC ENC/ECDIS Technical Workshop appears to have been omitted.

*Note:: The IHB has included the task under Programme 2 Capacity Building.*