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**5th ADVISORY BOARD ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (ABLOS) BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
and 15th ABLOS BUSINESS MEETING**

References: a) IHB CL118/2007 dated 13 December
b) IHB CL60/2008 dated 16 July

Dear Hydrographer,

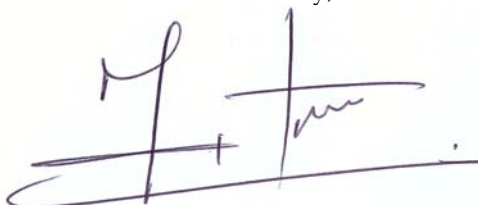
1 As announced at the References the 5th ABLOS Conference entitled "*Difficulties in Implementing the Provisions of UNCLOS*" was held at the IHB in Monaco on 15 - 17 October 2008.

2 The Conference was very successful attracting a capacity audience of 90 delegates from 30 countries with 23 papers being presented during 9 sessions. The IHO thanks the Government of Monaco who hosted a reception for all the delegates and accompanying persons in the Atrium of the Casino. Most of the papers submitted and presentations given during the Conference are available for download from the IHO web site www.iho.int > Committees > ABLOS > 5th Conference.

3 The 6th ABLOS Conference is planned to be held in Monaco in October 2010 and further details will be made available in due course.

4 The Conference was preceded by the 15th ABLOS Business Meeting which was held on 14 - 15 October. The meeting was well attended with only 1 member of ABLOS not being able to attend. The ex-officio members from the United Nations - Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea (UN-DOALOS) and the IHB and five Observers also attended the meeting. The meeting elected Professor Chris Rizos, IAG - Australia, as the new Chairman and Chris Carleton, IHO - UK, as Vice Chairman. They assumed their positions following the closure of the 5th Conference. The report of the 15th Business Meeting will be available from the ABLOS section of the IHO web site once it has been approved by the ABLOS members.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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President