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6th ABLOS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE and 17th ABLOS BUSINESS MEETING

References: a) IHB CL 84/2009 dated 9 December
b) IHB CL38/2010 dated 11 June

Dear Hydrographer,

1 As announced at the References, the 6th ABLOS Conference entitled "*Contentious Issues in UNCLOS – Surely Not?*" was held at the IHB in Monaco from 25 to 27 October 2010. The Conference was very successful attracting a capacity audience of 90 delegates from 28 countries with 28 papers being presented during 9 sessions. The Keynote address "The Relevance of Hydrography to UNCLOS; an Indonesian Perspective." was delivered by Professor Hasjim Djalal of Indonesia.

2 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 > 6th Conference or via the following link:

http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/ABLOS/ABLOS_Conf6/ABLOS_Conf6.htm

3 The 7th ABLOS Conference is planned to be held in Monaco in October 2012 and the IHB is investigating an alternative venue in order to meet the demand for an increased attendance. Further details will be made available in due course.

4 The Conference was preceded and followed by the 17th ABLOS Business Meeting which was held on the morning of 25 and the 28 October. The meeting elected Chris Carleton, IHO – UK, as the new Chair and Professor Sunil Bisnath, IAG – Canada, as Vice Chair. They assumed their positions following the closure of the meeting. The report of the 17th Business Meeting will be available from the ABLOS section of the IHO web site once it has been finalised by the ABLOS members. The 18th Business meeting will be held in Chile in October 2011.

5 The IHO would like to thank the Government of Monaco who hosted a reception for all the delegates and accompanying persons in the Atrium of the Casino.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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President