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REPORT OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE IHO CAPACITY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Ninth meeting of the IHO CBSC was held at the Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation of the Brazilian Navy, in Niteroi, BRAZIL, from 23 to 25 May, under the chairmanship of Mr. Janis KRASTINS, Hydrographer and Maritime Authority of Latvia who opened the meeting after the kind words of welcome provided by Vice Admiral Fernando PALMER, the Hydrographer of Brazil and host of the meeting.

2 The Chairman introduced Captain Costa Neves, the new CBSC Secretary and referred on the need to leave the post of Chair due to his new tasks as the Chairman of the Board – Director of Maritime Administration of Latvia. In his report he commented about the technical visits as an important component of capacity building assessment. He also noted that the technical specification for the management plan must continue in order to do a good use of the CB resources and finally he provide details on his participation at the IHO/ IMO/IOC/WMO/IAEA/IALA Capacity Building Coordination Meeting and how this can be a good forum for big development.

3 The Sub-Committee examined the achievements made in 2010 and the progress so far achieved with regard to the 2011 CBWP. Special consideration was given to the CBFund and the Sub Committee gave special attention to the following topics:

- a) need for more flexibility for projects;
- b) importance of the regional coordinators to manage the projects;
- c) support longer term activities and courses;
- d) need to create a box of best practices;
- e) the IHB should be entitled to exercise a more flexible approach on deciding extra expenditures.

The Sub-Committee also examined the submissions made by various RHCs and decided to update the 2011 Capacity Building Work Programme and approved the CB Work Programme for 2012 that had been prepared, bearing in mind the approved IHO Work Programme for 2008-2012 and the potential availability of resources. The representative of Korea (Republic of) announced the increase in the amount of the resources from USD 100,000 to USD 400,000 as part of the new MoU, signed between the Republic of Korea and the IHO. CBSC Members thanked the Korean initiative and expressed the willingness to reinforce the procedures to ensure a good use of it.

4 The Sub-Committee discussed a proposal submitted by France aiming at organizing a seminar with IMO Developing Countries representatives. It was decided to include an action to prepare a draft of the seminar, explore the interest of potential recipients and develop a proposal for IMO endorsement.

5 The CBSC Members unanimously elected Mr. Thomas DEHLING (Germany) and Commodore Vinay BAHDWAR (India) as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Capacity Building Sub-Committee, respectively. The next CBSC meeting was scheduled for 04-06 June 2012 in Singapore.

6 The Minutes and its annexes have been posted on the IHO website under the Capacity Building Sub-Committee section. Member States are kindly requested, if they so wish, to provide comments on the Minutes by **30 September 2011**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Gorziglia', written in a cursive style.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director