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**LIST OF PROJECTS AVAILABLE FOR PERSONNEL SECONDED FROM MEMBER
STATES TO THE IHB**

Reference: IHO Resolution 3/1987 as amended – *Secondment of Personnel from Member States to the IHB*

Dear Hydrographer,

1 In recent years, under the terms of IHO Resolution 3/1987, the Organization has benefitted from the generous secondment of officers from the Republic of Korea and from Japan to assist in progressing the work of the IHO. One officer from each of these Member States continues to serve at the IHB.

2 In accordance with Resolution 3/1987, the Directing Committee has undertaken its regular review of the IHO Work Programme and the activities of the IHB for 2012 in order to identify work items that could be progressed more quickly if suitably experienced seconded officers were available. They are as follows:

- Further develop the on-line IHO dictionary and database capabilities.
- Provide GIS support with particular emphasis on the development and implementation of web map server technologies and applications, particularly in support of the IHO-IOC GEBCO undersea feature names database, the Antarctic survey metadata database and its extension to all RHCs, and an IHO information database.
- In liaison with TSMAD and other relevant Working Groups, assist in the development of draft product specifications based on S-100 for hydrographic metadata, for hydrographic source data and for other product specifications included in the HSSC work programme.
- Review and standardise all technical terms used in IHO documents, standards and guidelines, proposing relevant updates and revisions to those documents.
- Further develop and implement the IHO strategic planning and performance monitoring process at the IHB
- Develop an information data base to support the IHO Capacity Building Programme, including the web-based presentation of relevant information.
- Develop proposals to improve the utility of IHO Publication C-55 - *Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide* in support of IRCC Action 03/09: - ... *design of a framework for C-55 development.*
- Review and Catalogue the IHB cartographic archives.

3 Member States that wish to propose officers for secondment in accordance with Resolution 3/1987 may submit details to the Directing Committee at any time for consideration, identifying the tasks that could be undertaken by seconded officers and describing the skills and experience of the personnel nominated to undertake those tasks. Member States should note that all the expenses of seconded officers must be met by the sponsoring State.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert WARD
Director