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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION AND THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO)

Reference: IHB CL 33/2011 dated 19 May –*Memorandum of Understanding between ISO and IHO*

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Directing Committee thanks the following States for their supportive responses and comments concerning the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the IHO and ISO that was announced in the Reference: Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Finland, India, Oman, Peru, Spain, UK and USA.

2 The MoU covers cooperation between ISO/Technical Committee 211 (ISO/TC/211) and the IHO to enable the development and alignment of agreed joint standards and profiles based on some or all of the parts of the ISO 19100 series of geographic standards or other related standards. In view of the IHO's recent adoption of S-100 and the deliberate close alignment of S-100 with the ISO 19100 series of standards, establishing a good cooperative arrangement with ISO is particularly important.

3 Mr Rob Steele, Secretary-General of ISO, signed the MoU on behalf of the ISO on 19 February 2012. As there were no objections raised by Member States, the President of the Directing Committee signed the MoU on behalf of the IHO on 26 March 2012.

4 The conclusion of this MoU with ISO marks another significant step in ensuring that IHO standards are recognised and will continue to be used widely in all the relevant geospatial data disciplines.

5 Copies of the MoU in English, French and Spanish have been posted on the IHO website.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', is written over a white background.

Robert WARD
Director