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**OUTCOME OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE INTER-REGIONAL
COORDINATION COMMITTEE (IRCC5)**

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Dear Hydrographer,

1. The fifth meeting of the IHO Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC5) took place in Wollongong, Australia, hosted by the Australian Hydrographic Service (AHS) from 30 May to 1 June 2013. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Savi Narayanan (Canada) and attended by the Chairs or representatives of the 15 Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs), the subordinate bodies of the IRCC and 24 observers; a total of 43 participants from 22 countries.

2. The final minutes of IRCC5, together with the list of actions arising from the meeting and their current status, and the list of IRCC Tasks for 2014 are now available from the IRCC Section of the IHO website (www.iho.int > Committees & WG > IRCC > IRCC5).

IRCC Officers

3. The Committee elected Rear Admiral Tom Karsten (UK) to fill the vacant position of Vice Chair of the IRCC upon the retirement of Rear Admiral Nick Lambert. At the same meeting, Captain Jamie McMichael-Phillips (UK) and Mr Sean Hinds (Canada) were elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the World-Wide Electronic Navigational Chart Database Working Group (WENDWG).

4. As a result of the recent notification of Dr. Narayanan's retirement, Rear Admiral Karsten will assume the position of Chair as of 25 November 2013. Elections for the now vacant position of Vice Chair will take place at the next meeting of the IRCC.

Next meeting

5. The 6th meeting of IRCC (IRCC6) will be held on 19-20 May 2014 in Paris, France, hosted by the *Service Hydrographique et Océanographique de la Marine* (SHOM). Representatives of Member States who may require a visa are advised to submit their applications well in advance.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

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