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**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 20TH BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON
TECHNICAL ASPECTS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (ABLOS)
MUSCAT, SULTANATE OF OMAN 28-29 OCTOBER 2013**

10 September 2013

Dear Members of the ABLOS,

1. All members of the ABLOS are hereby invited to attend the 20th Business Meeting of the ABLOS which will be held at the Park Inn by Radisson Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman from 28 – 29 October 2013. The latest Membership List is attached at Annex A.

2. It is proposed to hold a seminar following the ABLOS BM on 30 – 31 October 2013, the theme of the seminar is "Harmonization with UNCLOS: Experiences and Observations" and ABLOS members are invited to attend and actively participate. Please contact the Chair, Vice-Chair or Commander Thani al Mahrouki at ONHO directly for participation requirements. Details will be available on the ABLOS 20 web page.

2. Everyone attending the meeting must complete the registration form at Annex B and return it to Lt Cdr Yahya al Balushi RNO (nhooman@omantel.net.om) no later than 09 October 2013. The form is also available on the ABLOS 20 web page.

3. Oman National Hydrographic Office has made a block booking at Park Inn by Radison Hotel, Muscat in the name of ABLOS with special rates including breakfast, free internet and free coffee and tea making facilities as follows:

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Full details of the hotel are available in the Logistical Information document available on the ABLOS 20 web page and at Annex C. Members attending must make their reservations directly with the hotel (<http://www.parkinn.com/hotel-muscat>) quoting "ABLAST20" no later than 09 October 2013.

4. Finally anyone requiring visa assistance or a letter of invitation from the Sultanate of Oman for the purposes of obtaining a Visa to visit Oman is requested to inform Lt Cdr Yahya at the earliest opportunity.

On behalf of the Chairman, ABLOS,

Yours sincerely,

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Annexes:

- A. ABLOS membership list.
- B. ABLOS 20 registration form.
- C. ABLOS 20 logistics information.

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The 20th ABLOS BM Registration Form

IMPORTANT Note: All members must please complete the information requested in this form, and forward it to the Oman National Hydrographic Office by no later than the **09th October 2013**.

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Surname:

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Organization:

Nationality/ Residential Status.....

Residential Address- Street

City

Code

Country

Home telephone number:

Office telephone number:

Mobile telephone number:

E-mail address:

Travel Information

Your Arrival at Muscat International Airport

Your Departure from Muscat International Airport

Flight No:.....

Flight No:.....

Airline:.....

Airline:.....

Arrival time:.....

Departure time:

Comments or additional information:

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Date:

ABLOS 20 logistics information

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3. Temperature during October in Muscat ranges between 24° to 35°C with mostly clear sky. The humidity typically ranges between 33 to 82%. The average wind speed is usually light to gentle breeze during the end of October.

4. Electrical sockets (outlets) in the Sultanate of Oman are the "Type G" British BS-1363 type. Electricity voltage in the accommodation and meeting area is 220 V, 1 phase.



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4. Transport from and to Muscat International Airport will be provided for ABLOS 20 BM participants. In case of any difficulty or emergency, participants are kindly requested to contact the Admin Officer, Sub Lieutenant Said al Subhi on office (+968 24 312350) or mobile (+968 95642416).