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CAPACITY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE (CBSC)

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Members of the CBSC

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Dear colleagues,

After a quite busy year in terms of capacity building – and probably in many other respects for all of you, I send you this letter to inform you about some major issues since our last meeting in Niteroi.

The 5-Year period between two IH Conferences is ending in April 2012. Thus I provided a report for the conference about our work since 2007. According to the decision at the last IRCC meeting the report will be incorporated in the IRCC report.

The input for the next 5-Year WP 2012-2017 has been forwarded via the IRCC Chairman as well. I included all the input I received from the RHCs based on a sheet developed by Jeff Bryant.

At IRCC3 in Niteroi a discussion arose about the further development of the C-55 publication. It was pointed out that besides other uses and users the CB is one important issue for C-55. UK took the lead to start the process of developing a new framework for C-55.

A new MoU has been signed between the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs of The Republic of Korea (MLTM) and the IHO regarding the contribution from the Republic of Korea to capacity building. One issue is the installation of a Programme Management Board (PMB) to administer the activities earmarked as a specific financial accounting chapter of the IHO CB-Fund. The PMB consists of a director of the IHB, the CBSC Chairman and two representatives from RoK. The first meeting took place in Monaco in July. The additional contribution for 2011 was 189.000 Euro.

In October the joint CB meeting of IHO, IMO, IOC, WMO, IALA and FIG was held at the IALA Headquarters. Alberto Neves and me joined the meeting and found it very helpful to exchange experiences, to develop common projects and to foster the visibility of CB.

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It is very encouraging to see the growing CB-efforts of the IHO, but it means as well that we have cope with an increased administrative workload. To improve and streamline our work will be one important item to deal with. Therefore I want to allocate enough time at our next meeting to deal with strategic matters.

I would like to thank you for your most valuable participation in the IHO capacity building initiative and I am looking forward to seeing you all in good health at the next CBSC meeting in Singapore!

Best Personal regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Dehling', is positioned below the text 'Best Personal regards,'.

Thomas Dehling

Chairman IHO Capacity Building Sub Committee