

**6TH MEETING OF THE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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**Paper for Consideration by HSSC
Outcome of IRCC-6 affecting HSSC**

Submitted by:	IRCC Secretary
Executive Summary:	This paper presents the decisions/actions/tasks agreed at the 6 th meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee that may be relevant to the work of HSSC.
Related Documents:	IRCC6-08B – <i>Relevance of information overlay services in the global IHO ENC programme.</i> IRCC6-10A – <i>Input from HSSC-5</i> HSSC6-04.3A – <i>Outcomes of EIHC-5 affecting HSSC.</i>
Related Projects:	HSSC Work Programme Maintenance of IHO Publications and Services related to ENC and ECDIS.

Introduction

1. The 6th meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee was held in Paris (Saint-Mandé) from 19 to 20 May 2014. The report and the lists of actions, decisions and tasks are available on the IHO web site at www.iho.int > IRCC > IRCC-6.

Outcome

2. The IRCC6 examined the reports and activities of the RHCs and its subordinate bodies, the current status of hydrographic surveys and nautical charts, the progress of ENC schemes and the IHO ENC catalogue, the Capacity Building programme, Worldwide ENC Database (WEND) related issues and the decisions of other bodies and organizations affecting its work.

3. The IRCC acknowledged the progress made with Capacity Building (CB) activities and endorsed a draft revised IHO Capacity Building Strategy that will be presented to the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC-5) by CBSC for adoption.

4. The Committee reviewed the WEND Working Group (WENDWG) activities and the continuing progress towards the full implementation of the WEND Principles and the Guidelines. ENC coverage, the quality and reliability of the information in ENCs and the harmonization of current ENCs with the corresponding paper charts, overlapping ENCs and developments of an IHO WENC (or RENC) were extensively discussed by the Committee. The WENDWG was tasked to assess the impact and consistency of updates for ENCs and paper chart (coverage and quality) and to report on the potential for implementing an IHO WENC Concept. The Committee also approved the WENDWG Work Programme for its future activities.

5. IRCC endorsed draft revisions to IHO publications S-5 - *Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors* (Ed. 11.1.0) and S-8 - *Standards of Competence for Nautical Cartographers* (Ed. 3.1.0) and invited the IHB to circulate a CL seeking the approval of Member States. The Committee approved the IBSC Work Programme on the development of the next editions of the standards.

6. The IHO performance monitoring system was reviewed and the impacts for RHC and Member States were evaluated. IRCC agreed on the best practices for reporting the performance indicators and the Chairs of the RHCs were encouraged to provide the IRCC Chair and the IHB with updated reports.

7. In reviewing the work of the Working Group on Maritime Spatial Data Infrastructures (MSDIWG), the Committee considered and supported a proposal to transfer the MSDIWG from HSSC to IRCC. This is because the work of the MSDIWG is strongly aligned with the regional coordination and capacity building aims of the Committee. IHB was invited to facilitate the transfer.

8. IRCC considered the report on the outcomes of HSSC-5 and decided appropriate actions.

9. The table in Annex lists the actions of IRCC-6 that may be relevant to the work of HSSC with an indication of potential impact on HSSC.

Action required of HSSC

10. The HSSC is invited to:

- a. **Note** this report,
- b. **Consider** the potential impact of IRCC-6 actions, decisions and tasks relevant to its work,
- c. **Take any other actions** considered necessary.

Annex
Actions from IRCC-6 relevant to HSSC

No	Action	Potential impact on HSSC
IRCC6/15 IRCC6/16	Provide material to the IHB to promote the achievements of IRCC bodies... ...take every opportunity to promote the achievements of IRCC bodies	Public and stakeholders information is a key component of the IHO programme of work. It is important to engage more stakeholders in the work of HSSC. Same request to HSSC bodies to be considered.
IRCC6/27	invite HSSC/EIHC5 to consider the use of non-standard data such as CSB, SDB and how to use it in direct and indirect ways	It was discussed at the EIHC5 (Information session and PRO 4 and 6). HSSC6 is also invited to discuss these rising issues considering the EIHC5 decisions.
IRCC6/29	Address the AIO issue bilaterally (UK/FR) and report back to IRCC7	Doc. IRCC6-08B refers. Guidance requested by HSSC Chair to CSPCWG Chair.
IRCC6/35	Assess how representative are the performance indicators based solely on the inputs from PRIMAR and IC-ENC, and propose alternatives, if appropriate	Follow-up to action HSSC5/06.
IRCC6/36	Assess the impact and consistency of updates for ENC's and paper charts (coverage and quality) and to include this as a permanent agenda item	Follow-up to action HSSC5/04. Linked to IRCC6/29 (see above).
IRCC6/40	Facilitate resolution of inconsistencies between paper charts and ENC's and between ENC's from different producers	Follow-up to action HSSC5/04.
IRCC6/44	Facilitate the move of the MSDIWG from HSSC to IRCC	It is related to re-organization of the HSSC and HSSC is invited to take decision on this.