

# MEDITERRANEAN & BLACK SEAS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (MBSHC)

## MBSHC REPORT TO IRCC04

Singapore, 7-8 June, 2012

### 1. General

The 17th meeting of the MBSHC took place in Athens, Greece, from 1 to 3 June 2012.

The Commission approved an amendment to the MBSHC Statutes in order to enable Associate Members to host MBSHC meetings. It further approved the amended Rules of Procedures of the Black and Azov Seas Working Group.

The Commission recommended MSs to contribute actively in the development of NEAMTWS through upgrade national sea level stations identified by NEAMTWS Implementation Plan to real time data delivery and participate in data exchange.

The Commission designated Turkey as the CB Coordinator for the MBSHC. It further invited CB coordinator to prepare a two years CB plan in coordination with MSs and Chair.

The Commission adopted the request of Romania to organize a seminar on the establishment of the national hydrographic committee and invited CB Coordinator to do the necessary coordination with Romania, other MSs, CBSC and IHB to carry out this seminar.

The technical visit in Syria has been postponed. CB Coordinator was invited be in contact with Israel (and Libya when it is appropriate) to inquire if they need the technical visits and identify volunteer Member States able to provide staff to accomplish these visits.

On the recommendation of IRCC the Commission invited the MBSHC Chairmen to highlight in the standard meeting reports the items that would like to refer to IRCC.

On the recommendation of IRCC the Commission called the MBSHC Chairman to invite Chairs of adjacent RHCs to attend MBSHC meetings.

After confirmation by Turkey the 18th MBSHC meeting will be hosted in Istanbul during the second half of 2013.

### 2. Status of IRCC actions (relevant to the MBSHC)

*IRCC03/01: Implement actions to accelerate the process of ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention in order to meet the end of 2011 deadline*

The Commission urged MSs not yet ratified the protocol of amendments to the IHO Convention to contact their national authorities to accelerate the process of ratification of the protocol.

*IRCC03/02: Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership.*

The Commission urged MSs, not yet approved the pending applicants to IHO membership, to contact to their national authorities to accelerate the approval process of the pending applicants.

*IRCC03/03: Contact pending applicants in their region to encourage the ratification of the IHO Convention.*

Bulgaria was informed and invited to deposit her instrument of accession.

*IRCC03/07: Nominate a representative to the IHR Editorial Board and report to the IHB.*

The Commission designated Turkey as the representative of the MBSHC in the International Hydrographic Review Editorial Board.

*IRCC03/9: Conduct a meeting to design the framework for C-55 development.*

The Commission invited CB Coordinator (Turkey) to participate in the meetings and the activities for C-55 development

*IRCC03/13: Report to the WEND WG Chair on implementation of each item of the WEND Principles and on the validity of the coverage and the overlap analysis submitted by the WEND WG.*

The Commission invited Region F Coordinator (France) to circulate a table for the inputs of MSs and AMSs in order to be sent to the WEND WG

*IRCC03/18: Update the report to IRCC Chair on the implementation of the guidance for the preparation and maintenance of International chart schemes (CL 23/2010 of 3 March 2010).*

The Commission adopted the generic ToR and RoP contained in Annex C to S-11 Part A as the ToR and RoP for Region F International Charting Coordination Working Group (ICCWG).

*IRCC03/19: Report to IRCC4 on:*

*a) their experience in dealing with marine disasters in relation with IHO guidelines (TR 1/2005),*

The Commission accepted to include the disaster management issues as permanent item in its agenda and invited the MBSHC chair to study the procedure and guidelines for developing a disaster action plan.

*b) strategies to involve non-IHO MSs in RHC's activities.*

The Commission invited MBSHC Chair to keep non-IHO MSs in the region informed on all Capacity Building activities available through the IHO and other regional initiatives.

### **3. Proposals**

The IRCC is invited to note this report.