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**Paper for Consideration by IRCC**

**EIHC5 Decisions related to IRCC**

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<i>Executive Summary:</i>	This paper presents the EIHC5 Decisions related to IRCC.
<i>Related Documents:</i>	EIHC5 Decisions
<i>Related Projects:</i>	N/A

**Introduction**

1. EIHC5 considered a number of issues related to or affecting the work of the IRCC or its subordinated bodies. This paper presents such EIHC5 Decisions (Annex).

**Discussion**

2. The following EIHC5 Decisions 2, 8 and 12 tasked the IRCC:
- a. 2 (on Technical Capacity of the International Hydrographic Bureau): "IRCC to review arrangements for the collection and examination of INT Charts currently regulated by Article 19 of the IHO General Regulation and IHO Resolution 1/1992 (Monitoring of INT Charts) and to consider the need to amend or develop relevant IHO Resolutions, taking into account the comments from the Conference".
  - b. 8 (on Pro 4 - Crowd-sourced Bathymetry): "IRCC to establish a WG to prepare a new IHO publication on policy for trusted crowd-sourced bathymetry, taking into account EIHC5 PRO4 and the comments during the Conference. The WG should comprise IHO MS and invited expert contributors, including members of IHO-IOC TSCOM. The WG should seek advice and input from relevant HSSC Working groups as required".
  - c. 12 (on Pro 7 - WEND Principles): "IRCC to assess the long term consequences of not achieving full implementation of the WEND Principles".
3. The other decisions may affect the work of the IRCC and its subordinate bodies and need to be assessed by the IRCC in order to allow the appropriate actions.

**Action required of IRCC**

4. The IRCC is invited to:
- a. **Take note** of this report,
  - b. **Take action** as decided by the EIHC5 (paragraph 2),
  - c. **Take any other actions** considered as necessary (paragraph 3).

## Decisions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference

No.	Decision
<b>No. 1</b>	<p><b>Staff Regulations</b></p> <p>The Conference noted and endorsed the Report of the Staff Regulations Working Group (SRWG) concerning its review of the Staff Regulations.</p> <p>The Conference agreed to task the IHB Directing Committee to revise the IHO Publication M-7 (<i>Staff Regulations</i>) and to re-establish the Staff Regulation Working Group (SRWG) in accordance with document CONF.EX5/REP.01/PROSRWG.</p> <p>The Conference invited Member States to nominate representatives to the SRWG.</p>
<b>No. 2</b>	<p><b>Technical Capacity of the International Hydrographic Bureau</b></p> <p>The Conference noted the Report on the Technical Capacity of the International Hydrographic Bureau and agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the recruitment of new Member States should remain an important priority in the IHO Work Programme with a focus on the larger Flag States;</li> <li>2. that those Member States that have not yet ratified the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention should do so as soon as possible, in order to facilitate the recruitment of new Member States;</li> <li>3. the revised amendment to IHO Resolution 12/1962 as amended:  “... The language(s) of other IHO reference documents, guidelines and standards shall be at least one of the official languages decided on a case by case basis in the IHO Work Programme, taking into account the strategic priorities of the IHO, the intended use of the document, the resources of the Bureau and the assistance offered by Member States.”</li> <li>4. to task IRCC to review arrangements for the collection and examination of INT Charts currently regulated by Article 19 of the IHO General Regulation and IHO Resolution 1/1992 (Monitoring of INT Charts) and to consider the need to amend or develop relevant IHO Resolutions, taking into account the comments from the Conference,</li> <li>5. that the skills of the IHB staff should be adjusted through reskilling or natural attrition before redundancy schemes are considered.</li> <li>6. that the recruitment of an IHB staff member to undertake the duties of S-100 Registry Manager should be given priority as soon as an opportunity occurs.</li> <li>7. that the establishment of a “target model” for the IHB be considered with the revision of the IHO Strategic Plan, in accordance with the planning cycle defined in IHO Resolution 12/2002 as amended, at the next Conference or Assembly.</li> </ol>

<b>No. 3</b>	<p><b>PRO 5:</b></p> <p>Noting that progress towards more results-based programming is important, and is supported by robust reporting on performance, including results and needs, as well as valid estimates of resource needs,</p> <p>The Conference decided to reinforce the existing reporting requirements for Committees, Sub-Committees, and Working Groups (WGs), and underlined the importance of submitting these reports in order to offer the IHB and Member States a tool to both estimate and provide the necessary resources as well as assess results and progress. Accordingly the Conference tasked the IHB Directing Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) to direct the chairs of Committees, Sub-committees and WGs to report, twice annually at year-end and mid-year, on the overall status of their respective work programmes by completing a simple, two-part template that requests brief lists of a) current goals and priorities, and b) current or expected gaps and needs.</li> <li>2) to communicate these brief summary reports in an IHO Circular Letter, as well as noting any groups that did not report, with a view to offering Member States a snapshot of the status of the work of the IHO.</li> <li>3) to request in the above-mentioned Circular Letter contributions and/or volunteers to help meet any gaps or needs.</li> <li>4) to use these biannual reports to inform the drafting of the annual IHO Work Programme, as well as the 5-year Work Programme.</li> </ol> <p>The Conference decided that Member States will be invited to consider this issue in the context of the 2018 - 2020 Work Programme and Budget.</p>
<b>No. 4</b>	<p><b>PRO 1</b></p> <p>The Conference adopted a new Resolution on the Prince Albert I<sup>st</sup> Medal for Hydrography as set out in the Appendix to PRO 1, as a replacement for clause 6 of the IHO Resolution 6/2009 (International Hydrographic Review), which is hereby cancelled.</p>
<b>No. 5</b>	<p><b>PRO 2</b></p> <p>The Conference took note of the options, ideas and comments made by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea and Japan regarding the revision of S-23, but also recognized the resource constraints of the current Work Programme 2013-2017. The Conference agreed that the matter could be discussed again at the next Ordinary Conference/Assembly in 2017 if a proposal on the matter is made by any Member State.</p>

<b>No. 6</b>	<p><b>PRO 3</b></p> <p>The Conference agreed that the following guidelines will apply to the process by which the Secretary-General shall allocate the number of seats on the Council to each Regional Hydrographic Commission (RHC):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All Member States that are full members of more than one RHC are expected to declare in which one, and only one, RHC they are to be counted as a full member.</li> <li>2. The declarations will be collected and publicized to all Member States by the Secretary-General, according to the following time sequence: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Full members of any of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission, Nordic Hydrographic Commission or US/Canada Hydrographic Commission;</li> <li>b. Other Member States that are full members of any of the Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission, Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission, South-East Pacific Regional Hydrographic Commission or South-West Atlantic Hydrographic Commission;</li> <li>c. Other Member States that are full members of any of the other RHCs.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. In the event that a Member State that is a member of more than one RHC fails to declare its choice, the Secretary-General will count that Member State in the RHC to which the Member State joined first as a full member. If this criterion is not selective, then the Secretary-General will count the Member State in the RHC with the smallest number of full members.</li> <li>4. The Conference agreed that this guidance will be reviewed by the first ordinary session of the Assembly as part of the review and endorsement of the selection process of Council members in accordance with Article 16 (e) of the IHO General Regulations (not yet in force).</li> </ol>
<b>No. 7</b>	<p><b>HSSC Report</b></p> <p>The Conference noted the HSSC Report and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. supported the process of restructuring and future activities of the HSSC working groups through active participation and other in-kind contributions, and</li> <li>2. acknowledged the increasing and very important contribution being made by industry in their role as Expert Contributors, especially in the development of S-100 and its related applications, and in the maintenance of many other IHO technical standards.</li> </ol>
<b>No. 8</b>	<p><b>PRO 4</b></p> <p>The Conference tasked the IRCC to establish a WG to prepare a new IHO publication on policy for trusted crowd-sourced bathymetry, taking into account EIHC5 PRO4 and the comments during the Conference. The WG should comprise IHO MS and invited expert contributors, including members of IHO-IOC TSCOM. The WG should seek advice and input from relevant HSSC Working groups as required.</p>
<b>No. 9</b>	<p><b>PRO 6</b></p> <p>The Conference agreed not to initiate a coordinated action on satellite-derived bathymetry.</p>
<b>No. 10</b>	<p><b>IRCC Report</b></p> <p>The Conference noted the IRCC interim report and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encouraged the ongoing collaborative and cooperative work of the IRCC working groups through active participation and other in-kind contributions, and</li> <li>2. Acknowledged that the two continuing priorities of the IRCC will continue to be Capacity Building and ENC coverage together with related WENDWG issues.</li> </ol>

<b>No. 11</b>	<p><b>IHO Capacity Building Strategy</b></p> <p>The Conference adopted the revised IHO Capacity Building Strategy presented under CONF.EX5/REP.03/Rev1.</p>
<b>No. 12</b>	<p><b>PRO 7</b></p> <p>The Conference tasked the IRCC to assess the long term consequences of not achieving full implementation of the WEND Principles.</p>
<b>No. 13</b>	<p><b>Finance Report for 2013</b></p> <p>The Conference approved the Finance Report for 2013 and its recommendations concerning the disbursement of the budget surplus.</p>
<b>No. 14</b>	<p><b>Work Programme and Budget for 2015</b></p> <p>The Conference approved the Work Programme and Budget for 2015.</p>
<b>No. 15</b>	<p><b>Date of the next Conference</b></p> <p>The Conference agreed to convene the XIX<sup>th</sup> IHC (1<sup>st</sup> Assembly) either from 27 to 31 March or from 3 to 7 April 2017, exact dates to be confirmed.</p>
<b>No. 16</b>	<p><b>Seating order at the next Conference</b></p> <p>The Conference agreed that the seating order at the next Conference (Assembly) will start with the letter "Z".</p>
<b>No. 17</b>	<p>Resolution of Appreciation to the Government of Monaco</p> <p>The Conference adopted a Resolution expressing appreciation to the Government of Monaco:</p> <p>"The Conference:</p> <p>Recognizing the continued close association and significant support of His Serene Highness Prince ALBERT II and the Government of the Principality of Monaco in hosting the International Hydrographic Organization,</p> <p>Appreciating the kind generosity of His Serene Highness and the Government of the Principality of Monaco in providing premises for the Organization,</p> <p>Further appreciating the provision of the Auditorium RAINIER III in Monaco for the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference and its associated Exhibitions,</p> <p>Further appreciating the provision of the Port Facilities of Monaco for the ship that was placed on exhibition during the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference,</p> <p>Expresses its profound gratitude to His Serene Highness Prince ALBERT II and the Government of the Principality of Monaco for their graciousness and kind hospitality extended to the Organization, and</p> <p>Requests the delegation of the Principality of Monaco to convey to His Serene Highness and the Government of the Principality of Monaco the sincere sentiments of the Conference expressed above."</p>