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IRCC CIRCULAR LETTER 01/2008
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INTER REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE (IRCC),
Circular Letter addressed to Distribution List in Annex A

Dear Chairperson,

1 As you are all aware, the XVIIth International Hydrographic Conference (IHC) decided that the new structure of the IHO, with its two new Committees, the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) and the Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC), shall enter in force by 01 January 2009 at the latest. (Decision N°9).

2 The Conference also decided that initially the Chairman of the CBC would chair the IRCC till this body designs its Chair and Vice Chair at its first meeting. (Decision N°10).

3 At this time, early enough to consider the required planning, the CBC Chairman and future IRCC Chairperson whose term will start on 1st January 2009, would like to propose the following actions to the Members of the future IRCC, that is to say the Chair of:

- * all the Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs);
- * the Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA);
- * the World-wide Electronic Navigational Chart Database (WEND);
- * the Commission on Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW);
- * the International Advisory Board (IAB) and
- * the GEBCO Guiding Committee,

.1 to agree that during 2009 a meeting shall take place to organize the IRCC work and to nominate its Chairman and Vice Chair,

.2 to agree that this meeting which will probably last one day, shall take place immediately after the 4th EIHC in June 2009 taking advantage of this event, unless a better venue and date is proposed,

.3 to agree that the attached draft agenda (Annex B), be considered as a starting point for the organization of the first IRCC meeting. Its content shall be improved with comments to be provided by the addressees of this letter.

4 The CBC Chairman invites all addressees to comment on the actions and draft agenda proposed by **30th June 2008** at the latest to the CBC Chairman info@ihb.mc making Reference to this letter.

5 Finally you are invited to provide this important information to the new Chairperson, in case your body considers the change of Chair during the period between now and June 2009.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
Director & CBC Chairman

Annex A "Distribution List".
Annex B "Draft Agenda".

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- 15- Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA)
- 16- World-wide Electronic Navigational Chart Database (WEND)
- 17- Commission on Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW)
- 18- International Advisory Board (IAB)
- 19- GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE (GEBCO G.C.)
- 20- Capacity Building Committee (CBC)

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**FIRST MEETING OF THE IHO INTER REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
IHO-IRCC 01
(Venue and dates to be determined)**

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1.- Opening of the Meeting.
- 2.- Report by the Acting Chairman (CBC Chairman).
- 3.- Report by Members of the IRCC on the present situation of their bodies.
- 4.- Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- 5.- Establishment of IRCC Standing Agenda and the Structure of its Meetings.
- 6.- Establishment of the IRCC WP for 2010.
- 7.- Any Other Business.
- 8.- Next IRCC Meeting. Venue and Dates.
- 9.- Action List. Dates and Responsibilities
- 10.- Closure of the Meeting.