

To: IRCC
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RENC Harmonisation SubGroup Report to IRCC

Purpose of paper:

- To inform IRCC of RENC Harmonisation SubGroup (RHSG) achievements and future work plan
- To gain IRCC endorsement of the scope of RHSG, and its future work plan

IRCC is requested to:

- Endorse the scope of RHSG and its work plan to develop further the “IHO-RENC” concept
- Accept that a possible output of this work will be a proposal regarding the “IHO-RENC” to the EIHC in October 2014, submitted through IRCC.

Background

The RHSG was formed in October 2011 to supersede the IC-ENC and PRIMAR Co-operation Committee (IPCC) and take forward its activities. It has met twice (September 2012 and May 2013) and reports to the WENDWG. This delivers visibility of RENC activities, and gives a reporting line though to IRCC.

RHSG participants include representatives from the RENC governing bodies (i.e. the Chairmen), RENC management, RENC Operators, RENC member nations, non-RENC member nations and IHB. Participation is encouraged to ensure a wide range of views are represented.

The RHSG has evolved its focus from simple IC-ENC and PRIMAR co-operation activities. Its scope, which has been agreed by the member nations of both existing RENCs, is now:

“To develop the most appropriate RENC structure for the IHO to achieve the WEND vision.”

This new scope and corresponding work plan (below) now require IRCC endorsement.

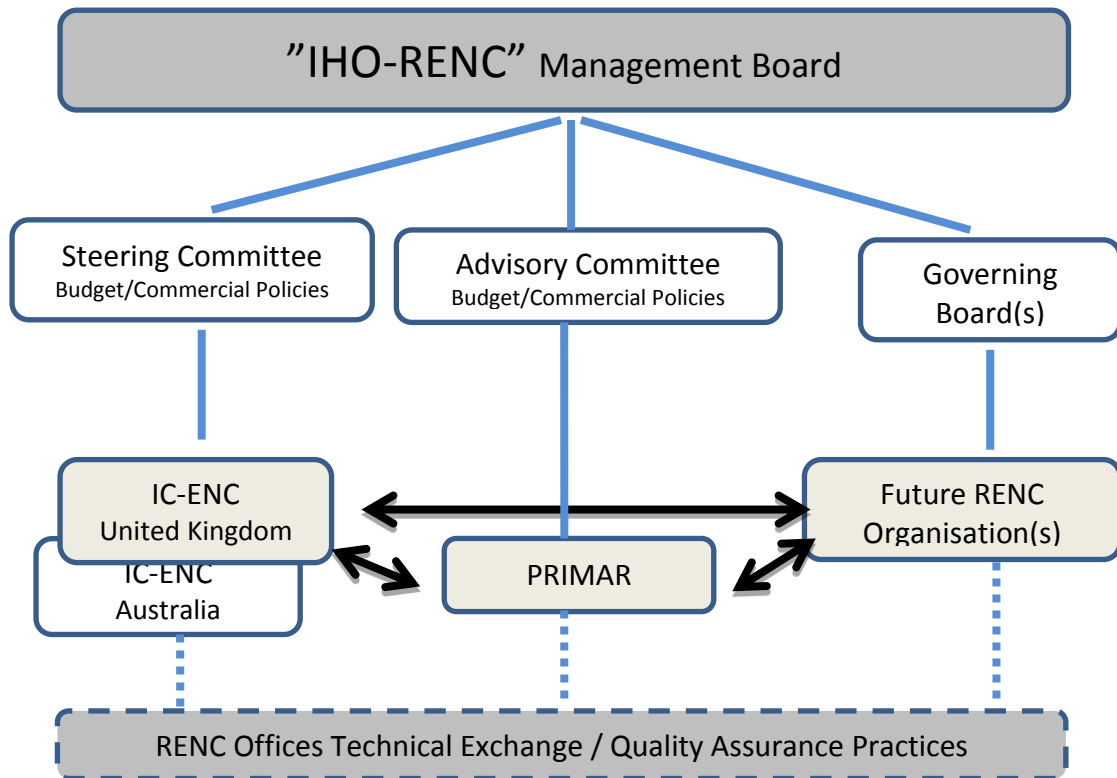
The “IHO-RENC”

RHSG reported to WENDWG3 on its broad concepts for developing the most appropriate RENC structure for the IHO to achieve the WEND vision. A new Management Board will be formed to oversee and approve the work of the network of existing and future RENC organisations. The model is under development, but key aspects include:

- Focus will be on achieving improvements in the quality of the WEND ENC database
- Current and future RENC organisations to fit within the framework

- Management board and RENC activities to be clearly defined with transparent operating procedures
- IHB to participate on Management Board, but these activities are to be at no cost to the IHO

The concept can be described diagrammatically:



The RHSG work plan

The RHSG is working towards the following milestones:

- June 2013: Introduce concept to IRCC and seek endorsement of work plan
Develop "IHO-RENC" concept through series of meetings of the working group and review by correspondence from WENDWG3 participants
- July 2013: Publication of "IHO-RENC" concept paper to IRCC participants for comment via correspondence
- Sept 2013: Potential for full publication via IHO Circular Letter
- Jan 2014: Completion of EHC proposal on the IHO-RENC, to be formally submitted through IRCC

IRCC is requested to endorse this work plan.