

IHO Worldwide ENC Database Working Group (WENDWG)
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DECISIONS OF THE XVIIIth I.H. CONFERENCE

Decision No.	Description
No. 7	<p>(PRO 3) The Conference endorsed the following resolution: Resolution on the importance of resolving issues related to the functioning of the ECDIS-ENC system”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizing the IHO’s role in the development of ECDIS and its active support to IMO in the endorsement of a carriage requirement for ECDIS that starts in 2012. • Furthermore recognizing the issues with regard to the anomalous behaviour of some ECDIS systems that have come to light through increasing operational experience and the actions already taken by the IHO, Member States and the Bureau to assist in facilitating their resolution. • The IHO is encouraged to continue to take a leading role within the ECDIS stakeholder community to ensure that issues identified in regard to the anomalous operation of ECDIS are collated, analysed, communicated and resolved as speedily as possible to maintain the safety of navigation and to assist the smooth transition from paper to digital navigation.
No.8	<p>IRCC The Conference agreed to take note of the Report of the IRCC and its subordinate bodies and to approve the continued existence of the IRCC under its current Terms of Reference.</p>
No.9	<p>(PRO IRCC-2) The Conference agreed to request the Directing Committee, with the support of HSSC and IRCC, to consider organizing the next IHO Stakeholders’ Forum as soon as possible after the Conference and not later than 2013, with a focus on ECDIS-related issues.</p>
No. 12	<p>Reaffirmation of the IHO’s commitment to full ENC coverage (PRO WENDWG-1) The International Hydrographic Conference agreed that the Member States of the International Hydrographic Organization should commit to:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continuing through best international collaborative efforts and technological innovation to complete the outstanding requirement established for adequate ENC coverage as outlined at IMO NAV54; • working with IMO Member States to promote the need for improved hydrographic survey and nautical charting services as required by SOLAS Chap. V, Reg. 9 and to provide support through the respective IHO and IMO capacity building programmes; • encouraging bilateral and multilateral cooperation within and across RHCs to improve consistency and harmonization of ENC cells (including the removal of any overlapping data) and services; • establishing a systematic methodology, through the IRCC and the WENDWG and in conjunction with the RHCs and RENCs, for monitoring evolving ENC coverage requirements, agreeing production priorities and for supporting the provision of integrated ENC services; • informing mariners, through such things as IMO Safety of Navigation circulars and other national and international navigational warning mechanisms, the areas of national waters where the use of electronic navigation systems is not possible due to the limited quality or absence of source hydrographic data reflected in the nautical charts.
No. 13	<p>Implementation of the WEND Principles (PRO WENDWG-2)</p> <p>The Conference agreed to approve the minor updates to the main text of Resolution 1/1997 as amended - <i>The WEND Principles</i>, as per the text at Annex A of the WENDWG Report to the XVIII IHC and to refer Annexes B and C of the same Report back to the WEND WG for further consideration.</p>