



**INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**



MACHC Letter 14 / 2010
20 July 2010

To: MACHC Member States

Subject: **IHO Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) request**

Reference: IRCC-2 meeting.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. From June 17th to 18th, 2010, it was held in New Orleans, USA, the 2nd Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) meeting. During this meeting Regional Hydrographic Commissions were requested to take some actions, some of them on a continuous basis.

2. The following actions are requested:

	<u>Information</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	To inform the status of Ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention, approved at the 3 rd Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference in 2005 (IHB Circular Letters 55 and 118 /2005, 57/2007, 02 and 63/2009) and to encourage the process of those MS which yet do not did it.	Colombia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, and Venezuela are requested to inform on the ratification process and if there is any action from IHB which may support it. By 20 SEP 2010.
2.	To keep IHO publication C-55 (Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide) updated and to inform the methodology used for assessing and displaying survey status, taking in account navigational and MSDI requirements.	Full Member States are invited to update its data online (http://www.iho-ohi.net/iho_pubs/CB/C-55/C-55_Eng.htm) or through the e-mail <pah@ihb.mc>. Methodology to be informed to MACHC Secretary. By 30 OCT 2010.
3.	To keep IHO publication S-11 (Guidance for Preparation and Maintenance of International Chart Schemes and Catalogue of International Charts) updated and to inform it to IRCC and IHB.	Producer Member States are invited to update its data sending information to the INT Chart MACHC Coordinator, e-mail <albuquerque@dhn.mar.mil.br>. By 20 SEP 2010.
4.	To nominate a representative to be part of the Editorial Board of the International Hydrographic Review (Ref. IHO Resolution Q2.5).	Full Member States are invited to nominate a representative to the Editorial Board. By 20 SEP 2010. All Member States are invited to submit articles do the IHR.
5.	Member States are encouraged to vote on States application to be part of IHO.	Member States are encouraged to vote on Haiti application.
6.	To report to IRCC on the experience on the support to deal with maritime disasters in relation with IHO	Member States are invited to report on their experiences at the 11 th MACHC meeting. Papers

	Guidelines (TR 1/2005).	to be submitted by 05th OCT.
7.	To encourage MS to collaborate the population of the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) database on shallow waters data.	Full Member States are invited to contact the GEBCO Guiding Committee and send the data.
8.	To ask the responsible persons of events supported by Capacity Building Fund to report to CBSC, on the appropriate form, the results of the events.	Capacity Building Coordinator to monitor events and ask for the relevant reports.
9.	To encourage non IHO members to participate on the Commission activities.	Full Members States are encouraged to support non IHO members to participate on the Commission meetings.
10.	To contact IHO suspended MS in order to regularize situation.	Member States are invited to contact Dominican Republic in order to encourage contacting IHB. Capacity Building Coordinator is invited to propose a Technical Visit.
11.	To encourage Associated Members to join OHI (IHB Circular Letter 34/2010).	Associated members are invited to comment on this topic, informing any action could be done by IHB supporting the initiative. By 20 SEP 2010.
12.	To highlight on the meetings minutes the subjects which are of IRCC interest.	MACHC Secretary to adjust Report structure.

3. In order to attend IRCC inputs, you are kindly invited to take note of the list above and provide the relevant information to MACHC Secretariat < int.rel@dhn.mar.mil.br > or at the next Commission meeting in November.

Yours sincerely,



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