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B.1 Report from the IHB

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IHO Administration

- Approval of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention
 - 41 approvals / 48 (ref. 2005)
All NHC Member States have approved the Protocol
 - First Assembly in 2017 at the earliest
- Status of IHO membership
 - New MS (82nd): Montenegro
 - 3 suspended MS (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Serbia)
 - Majority: simple = 40 / 2/3 = 53 (abstention = NO)



IHO Administration

- Awaiting accession

- Bulgaria (1992)
- Haiti (2012)
- Mauritania (1991)
- Sierra Leone (2010)

- Approval of new Member States

- Viet Nam (2011) : 47/52
- Brunei Darussalam (2012) : 45/52
- Georgia (2012) : 47/53

All NHC Member States have approved the applications



IHO Administration

- 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference
 - Provisional Programme and Draft Agenda: CCL10
 - Consideration of progress and proposals related to the 3 programmes
 - Information Session
 - Industry Exhibition (CCL14)
 - Capacity Building Exhibition
 - Red Book and Reports: CCL12 & 13
 - Forthcoming:
 - revised programme and agenda
 - additional IHB proposal on IHO budget and work programme for 2015 (see FCCL02/2014)
 - additional IHB proposal on Financial Report for 2013 (see CL54/2014)
- => agenda item E.3



IHO Information System - ENC

■ IHO ENC Collection and Catalogue

- Access to a WMS service provided by Primar including all ENCs available through the RENCs (IHB internal use)
- Current IHO Catalogue includes AVCS exclusive cells
- Back up arrangements (CL41/2014 – paragraph 7 refers)
(Home > ENCs & ECDIS > ENC Availability > Backup Paper Charts)
 - Denmark: 2007
 - Iceland: none
 - Finland: 2007
 - Norway: 2007
 - Sweden: 2007



IHO Information System - C-55

- Last update received Member State
 - May 2014 DK
 - January 2014 FI
 - October 2013 NO
 - January 2013 SE
 - March 2010 IC
- Development of the new framework included in the IHB work on establishing an IHO GIS Database
 - Country database (CL23/2014)
 - Regional database (CL27/2014 - Antarctica)



IHO Publicity

■ World Hydrography Day

- Theme 2014: Hydrography - much more than just nautical charts
- Theme 2015: focus on the lack of surveys

■ Post-2015 agendas

- post-2015 sustainable development goals (SDGs)
- post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction
- (climate change negotiations)
- MS involvement required to promote IHO goals (CL53/2014 refers)

■ IHO Stakeholder Forum at Hydro 2014 (28-30 Oct.)

■ International Hydrographic Review

=> agenda item E.4



Actions requested of NHC

- Consider the Commission contribution to the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (E.3)
- Provide update or confirmation of C-55 and Year Book entries as appropriate
- Consider the Commission contribution to promoting the views and interests of the IHO in the post-2015 UN processes

