

7th NIOHC/Letter 3
dated 05 February 2007



**7th NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION
PATTAYA, THAILAND
27th FEBRUARY to 2nd MARCH 2007**

Dear NIOHC colleagues,

I enclose the final agenda and timetable for the subject conference at Annexes A and B to this letter. These incorporate comments on the draft provisional agenda circulated with NIOHC Letter 1 dated 20 Dec 06.

I should be grateful if you would provide an update on progress/completion of the Action items relevant to you from the previous NIOHC meeting. The Actions are listed at Annex C.

This note is also a reminder for you to forward your National Report, in the standardised format, at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting i.e. by 12th Feb 07. These should be sent to Mrs Chris Walton, International Relations Manager at United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, by e-mail chris.walton@ukho.gov.uk or fax on +44 1823 284077. These will be included on the IHO website, where other documents for the meeting are also being placed.

Any further registration forms should also be forwarded to Mrs Chris Walton, by e-mail or fax as above, as soon as possible please.

I look forward to seeing you in Pattaya.

Kind regards,

Rear Admiral Ian Moncrieff BA
NIOHC Chairman

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NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

SEVENTH MEETING, 27 FEB - 2 MARCH 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS, ADMINISTRATION AND AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairman & Host Member State
2. Address by the President IHB
3. Administrative arrangements
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Review of Action Items from the previous meeting
6. Review of Statutes of the Commission

AGENDA ITEMS

7. Report by IHB
8. Update on tsunami affected areas – assistance received and any still required
9. National Reports (highlights)
10. Review of Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting in North Indian Ocean Region (IHO Special Publication S-55 and questionnaires/updates from NIOHC countries)
11. Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings and MSI within NAVAREA VIII area, and the implementation of GMDSS
12. Report by INT Chart Coordinator (*India*) – Progress on implementation of the INT Chart Scheme
13. ENC Issues
 - a. Update on identification of key shipping routes and ports within the region
 - b. ENC scheme and timescale for production
 - c. Identification of producer nations
 - d. Assistance with ENC production
 - e. ENC distribution including RENCs

14. Capacity building: Input to and requests for assistance from IHOCBC
15. SPWG Matters, including Procedures for the Selection of Members to the Council
16. World Hydrography Day
17. Any other business

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR, DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

18. Election of next Chairman and Vice Chairman
19. Next Meeting (Venue and date)

CLOSING REMARKS

20. Closing remarks by the Chairman

TIMETABLE

7th MEETING OF THE NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (NIOHC) PATTAYA, THAILAND 27th February – 2nd March 2007

DATE: Tuesday 27th February 2007

Arrival of delegates

1830 – 2130 Welcome Ice-breaker reception, hosted by UKHO (A-One Royal Cruise hotel)

DATE: Wednesday 28th February 2007

Time		Presented by:
0830 - 0845	Registration	All delegates
0845 - 0930	1. Opening Remarks: -Welcoming address by Admiral Suchart Yanothai, Assistant Commander-in-Chief, Royal Thai Navy -Opening remarks by Rear Admiral Ian Moncrieff, NIOHC Chairman 2. Address by Vice Admiral Maratos, President IHB	Host Member State NIOHC Chairman President IHB
0930 - 1000	Break	
1000 - 1005	3. Administrative arrangements	
1005 - 1010	4. Approval of the agenda	Chairman
1010 - 1100	5. Review of action items from the last meeting	Member States
1100 - 1115	6. Review Statutes of the Commission	Chairman
1115 - 1145	7. Report by IHB	IHB
1145 - 1230	8.Update on tsunami affected areas – any assistance still required	Member States affected
1230 - 1330	LUNCH	
1330 - 1430	9. National Reports – highlights	Member States
1430 - 1515	10. Review of status of hydrographic surveying and nautical charting in NIOHC region (IHO Special Publication S-55)	IHB
1515 - 1530	Group photograph	All delegates
1530 - 1550	Break	
1550 - 1630	11. Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings & MSI in NAVAREA VIII area, and the implementation of GMDSS	India

1830 – 2130 Dinner, hosted by Hydrographic Department Royal Thai Navy (A-One Royal Cruise hotel)

DATE: Thursday 1st March 2007

Time		Presented by:
0900 - 0930	12. Report by INT Chart Co-ordinator – Progress on implementation of the INT Chart Scheme	India
0930 - 1030	13. ENC issues a. Update on key routes and ports b. ENC scheme and timescale for production c. Identification of producer nations d. Assistance with ENC production e. ENC distribution including RENCs	Member States
1030 - 1050	Break	
1050 - 1200	14. Capacity Building – input to and requests for assistance from IHOCBC	IHB

DATE: Thursday 1st March 2007 - continued

1200 - 1300	LUNCH	
1300 - 1400	15. SPWG Matters, including procedures for the selection of members to the Council	President IHB & Chairman
1400 - 1415	16. World Hydrography Day	President IHB
1415 - 1500	17. Any other business	Chairman
1500 - 1520	Break	
1520 - 1540	18. Election of next Chairman & Vice Chairman	Chairman
1540 - 1550	19. Next meeting – venue & date	Chairman
1550 - 1600	20. Closing remarks	Chairman

1715 – 2030 Dinner and Cultural Show at Alangkarn Theatre, hosted by UKHO

Friday 2nd March 2007

0900 – 1200 Sightseeing around Pattaya, hosted by HDRTN
1200 – 1300 Lunch, hosted by HDRTN
Afternoon Free

ACTIONS FROM THE 6th NIOHC

AGENDA NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION BY:	DEADLINE
Agenda Item 5	Review Statutes of the Commission		
	5.1 Letter to be sent to Egypt and Oman with new form for signature of Statutes.	IHB and addressees	
	5.2 Statutes to be amended to reflect annual meetings and distributed to NIOHC members for signature.	NIOHC Chairman, IHB	
	5.3 RHC Agenda to include report of IHB activity.	NIOHC Chairman	
Agenda Item 6	Report by IHB		
	6.1 IHO and IOC to liaise on wider applications of GLOSS network.	IHB	
Agenda Item 7	Update on tsunami affected areas a. Assistance received b. Assistance still required c. Lessons learnt		
	7.1 Digital data from port surveys to be supplied to Sri Lanka.	India	
	7.2 Equipment requirement for Sri Lanka to be considered and advice passed to IHB.	Germany, Sri Lanka	In time to inform 7.3
	7.3 IMO to be informed of funding required for equipment for Sri Lanka.	IHB	End Mar 06
	7.4 Approach to purchase of survey vessel for Sri Lanka to be co-ordinated.	UK	
	7.5 Outstanding requirements for assistance within region to be clarified.	India	
	7.6 Focal points to be identified for all coastal states in NIOHC.	NIOHC Chairman and MS	
	7.7 Note content of IHO CL 89/05.	All MS	
	7.8 Note NGA Tsunami Shoreline/Hazard Detection information when tasking surveys and passage surveys in NIOHC area.	All MS	
Agenda Item 9	Review of Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting in North Indian Ocean Region (IHO Special Publication S-55 and questionnaires/updates from NIOHC)		

	countries)		
	9.1 Updates of S-55 entries to be reported to IHB at least annually.	All NIOHC countries	
	9.2 Updated information in National Reports from NIOHC6 to be passed to IHB.	Vice Chairman IHOCBC	
Agenda Item 12	ENC Issues a. Update on identification of key shipping routes and ports within the region b. ENC scheme and timescale for production c. Identification of producer nations d. Assistance with ENC production e. ENC distribution including RENCs		
	12.1 Production of an ENC schema to address overlap issue.	UK, in correspondence with France, India and Bangladesh.	
	12.2 Update on progress in establishment of RENC.	India	
Agenda Item 14	Capacity building: Input to and requests for assistance from IHOCBC		
	14.1 NIOHC bids to be forwarded to Chairman CBC.	NIOHC Chairman	1 Apr 06
Agenda Item 15	SPWG Report and Development of procedure for selecting representatives to Council		
	15.1 Consider SPWG minutes on IHO web-site and provide comments to NIOHC Chairman or IHB.	All MS	
	15.2 Letter to MS concerning role and activities of representatives on Council.	NIOHC Chairman	
	15.3 Proposals for revision of SAIHC and NIOHC boundaries to be discussed.	SPWG Chair Group	