

7<sup>th</sup> NIOHC/Letter 5  
dated 12 July 2007



**7<sup>th</sup> NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION  
FINAL REPORT – ACTION 8.1 AND ACTION 8.2**

Reference:

- a. IHO Circular Letter 89/2005 dated 6 September 2005
- b. Final Report of the 7<sup>th</sup> NIOHC dated 27 March 2007
- c. 7<sup>th</sup> NIOHC/Letter 4 dated 25 May 2007

Dear NIOHC colleagues,

Following our discussions at the 7<sup>th</sup> NIOHC about the response to disasters such as the 2004 Tsunami, we agreed two actions (8.1 and 8.2) which would help us make progress in ensuring that we put the requisite procedures in place. I believe it is important that we progress these actions as a matter of some urgency.

As you will recall, the meeting agreed the need for a table top exercise to test procedures. It was decided that the Chairman would send a message to the points of contact during the next six months (that is, before the end of August 2007), asking them to test communications with appropriate national authorities (see IHO CL 89/2005) and to respond to him within 72 hours (Action 8.2).

Action 8.1 required all Member States to confirm to the NIOHC Chairman that each has plans in place to be able to respond to any future emergencies in accordance with IHO Circular Letter 89/2005. I sent out 7<sup>th</sup> NIOHC/Letter 4 in May to remind you all of the need for you to respond to me on Action 8.1 but, although the deadline of 22 June for responses has passed, I have still only received one full response and one holding response. If I am to complete action 8.2, placed on me as Chairman, in the time scale we all agreed during the Thailand meeting, I need to initiate the necessary exercise soon. Before that, I need to know whether the necessary plans are in place, and, if not, when you expect that they will be.

**The following response is required from you now**

Please provide answers to the following questions:

- (1) Are the necessary plans in place, and, if not, when do you expect that they will be?
- (2) Is your entry in the accompanying List of Focal Points of Contact correct? If not, please send the correct details.

Please send the information requested above to Mrs Liz Dunn, International Relations Manager at United Kingdom Hydrographic Office by e-mail (Elizabeth.Dunn@ukho.gov.uk) or by fax on +44 1823 353627, by **19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at the latest**. Shortly after that date, I will send out 7<sup>th</sup> NIOHC/Letter 6 to initiate action 8.2, and which will require your response within 72 hours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ian Moncrieff", with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

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NIOHC Chairman

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