



Proposal by South Africa

**represented by the
South African Maritime Safety Authority
(SAMSA)**

to

**Reconvene the Regional Co-Operation Group
on Safety of Navigation and Marine
Environmental Protection (SAGNEP)**

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RECONVENING OF REGIONAL CO-OPERATION GROUP ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (SAGNEP)

1. Purpose of submission

The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) proposes the reconvening of the *Southern African ad hoc Regional Co-operation Group on Safety of Navigation and Marine Environmental Protection (SAGNEP)*.

The views of the members of the *Southern Africa and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)* on this initiative are invited.

2. Background

Arising out of the need for regional co-operation in hydrography and aids to navigation during the 1995 Maputo Conference on Hydrography and Aids to Navigation, two groups, the *Southern African ad hoc Regional Co-operation Group on Safety of Navigation and Marine Environmental Protection (SAGNEP)* and the *Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)* were formed.

SAIHC is formal body within the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) and SAGNEP enjoyed the support of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). SAGNEP was the first group of this nature associated with IALA as their administrative structure is different to that of the IHO and IOC which have provision for regional commissions.

As SAIHC covers NAV Area VIII, SAGNEP followed suit, but it was agreed that all organisations which have the interest of safety of navigation at heart will be welcome to participate in SAGNEP, but that the regional Member States shall have only one vote.

The option to link with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) was considered, but was not practical due to the mismatch of Member States and it was decided that SAGNEP would be entirely independent, but would liaise with SADC by exchange of observers or by communication.

A copy of the SAGNEP Terms of Reference (TOR) appears in **Annexure A**, and a list of members appears in **Annexure B**.

In order to reduce travel costs, it was arranged that SAIHC and SAGNEP meetings are held back-to-back as the delegates could be the same, or should be capable of representing their relevant Administrations at both meetings.

SAIHC has met yearly since 1996 and is an active IHO body within the region. Despite the fact that SAGNEP was convened in 1996 with great enthusiasm and optimism, sadly it survived for only a year due to the disbanding of the then Chief Directorate Shipping of the South African Department of Transport and the establishment of SAMSA as a juristic person, as well as the change in responsibilities of the elected Chair of SAGNEP.

3. Reconvening of SAGNEP

SAMSA is of the opinion that the impetus gained by the Western Indian Ocean GEF-Marine Highway and Coastal Contamination Prevention (WIOMHCCP) Project is such that SAGNEP should be reconvened, and, with other relevant bodies, particularly SAIHC, sustain the work of the WIOMHCCP Project in the region after it has finished.

Since the last meeting of SAGNEP in August 1996, a number of developments have taken place in the maritime environment that, in addition of the original intent of the Group, warrants the reconvening of this Group.

Since SAGNEP's last meeting in 1996:

- (a) There had been a remarkable increase in vessel traffic along the East & West coasts of Africa, therefore exposing the coastal States to shipping disasters
- (b) The WIOMHCCP Project is being implemented and this project must be the momentum to carry forward the improvement of Safety of Navigation and the protection of the environment in the Region.
- (c) There are security matters, more specifically piracy and armed robbery against ships.
- (d) There is a need to conclude memorandums of understanding (MOU) between States to work together in order to improve Safety of Navigation and the protection of the environment, and having a regional forum, like SAGNEP would facilitate this process.
- (e) Regional co-operation through regional plans, networking and information sharing needs to improve, maintained and expanded, e.g. in the area of the maritime domain awareness & data sharing (LRIT, AIS, etc.).
- (f) SAGNEP could also exercise some oversight and encouragement for the proposed Regional Co-ordination Centre for environmental protection and the intended Co-operative Data Centre.

4. Conclusion

In order to sustain the work of the WIOMHCCP Project in the region after it has finished, and to further expand the efforts and contribution towards the improvement of Safety of Navigation and the protection of the environment in the Region, SAMSA is of the opinion that SAGNEP should be reconvened.

5. Recommendations

SAMSA is recommending that SAGNEP should be re-convened.

A suitable date for this meeting should be decided upon, preferably before the next meeting of SAIHC, where after it could be held back-to-back with the SAIHC meetings, unless otherwise decided.

Annexures

August 1996

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN AD HOC REGIONAL\CO-OPERATION GROUP ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (SAGNEP)

1. Create a forum for discussion on matters of mutual interest.
 2. Formulate recommendations to the relevant International Organisations, in particular IMO, IHO, IALA, IAPH, SADC, IOC and the Indian Ocean Commission.
 3. Act as a communication facilitator to and from the member states of the Group and the International Organisations.
 4. Exert regional influence to improve Safety of Navigation and Marine Environmental Protection.
 5. Exert influence on behalf of member states on International and National Funding Organisations to improve Safety of Navigation and Marine Environmental Protection and for a state to co-operate in Regional efforts.
 6. Encourage the co-ordination and sharing of aids to navigation assets and facilities.
 7. Encourage the exchange of information and technical support.
 8. Encourage and organise co-operation in training and the attainment of the required standards of competence.
 9. Advise member states on their responsibilities in terms of International Customary Law and the benefits and responsibilities of being party to the relevant conventions and members of International Organisations.
 10. Promote awareness of the need to establish internationally acceptable aids to navigation and maritime safety information services.
 11. Establish and maintain a register of the relevant authorities and institutions of member states responsible for safety of navigation.
 12. Prepare a development plan for the improvement of safety of navigation and Marine Environmental Protection in the region.
 13. Encourage states in the region to become member states of the Group and to participate in Group activities.
 14. The Group should terminate its activities on the attainment of its purpose and function.
 15. The Chairman should, in conjunction with the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission, advise the relevant sector of SADC (Marine and Inland Waterway Transport, Article 8.5) on the importance of hydrography and aids to navigation and keep them up to date on the situation in the Region.
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SAGNEP MEMBERSHIP

	Country/Organisation	Status
1	Angola	Member State
2	Namibia	Member State
3	South Africa	Member State
4	Mozambique	Member State
5	Tanzania	Member State
6	Kenya	Member State
7	Mauritius	Member State
8	Madagascar	Member State
9	Seychelles	Member State
10	France	Representing Reunion, Mayotte
11	United Kingdom	Representing St. Helena
12	Norway	Representing Bovetoya
13	Portugal	Associate member. Portugal is the holder of much data in the region and is also capable of assisting with training in Portuguese
14	IALA	International Organisation concerned with Safety of Navigation and the protection of the Environment
15	IHO	International Organisation concerned with Safety of Navigation and the protection of the Environment
16	IOC	International Organisation
17	IAPH ¹	International Organisation
18	IMO	International Organisation concerned with Safety of Navigation and the protection of the Environment

Note: During the 2nd meeting it was agreed that the then Zaire and the Comores be invited to join as Members of the Group. It was furthermore agreed that the landlocked states adjacent to the lakes, namely Malawi, Zambia and Uganda should be invited to attend the meetings as observers.

¹ International Association of Ports & Harbours

REPORT ON MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 1995 TO INITIATE THE AD HOC REGIONAL CO-OPERATION GROUP IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATION 2 OF THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE ON HYDROGRAPHY AND AIDS TO NAVIGATION

1. The minutes of the meeting are attached and certain recommendations to the inaugural meeting were made and are listed:

- a. An inaugural meeting should be held on 16 November 1995 during the IALA RAD 1 Conference.
 - i. It is requested that SAN Hydrographic Office provide the venue for ± 15 members at Silvermine to facilitate holding of meeting during one of the technical tour days of the Conference.
 - ii. The Maputo Conference Chairman should conduct the meeting until the election of the Chairman of the Group. This could be done immediately after the meeting is constituted and the voting membership confirmed.
- b. Membership was discussed and in addition to those States who attended the Maputo Conference it was recommended that both Kenya and Madagascar, who were initially invited, should be included. The relationship of the group with SADC and the Hydrographic Commission to be formed should be considered. The Conference Committee regards it as essential that an accommodation with SADC and the Hydrographic Commission be made. The following options should be considered:
 - i. The Group could operate independently of SADC due to the mismatch of Member States (Appendices A and B)
 - ii. The Group could approach SADC with a view to an exchange of observers while remaining independent.
 - iii. The Group could approach SADC with a view to becoming a Committee of SADC but retaining the present membership
 - iv. The group could approach SADC with a view to being accepted as an official advisory board or group on related technical matters.

Comment

The last recommendation is regarded by the Conference Committee as being in the best interests of all concerned.

- v. The Hydrographic Commission could be invited to provide an observer to the Group or, in the event of the group becoming an officially recognized technical advisory board to SADC, becoming a full member of the Group.

MAPUTO CONFERENCE STATES

Angola
 Namibia
 South Africa
 Mozambique
 Tanzania
 Mauritius

Madagascar
 United Kingdom
 Norway
 Kenya
 Seychelles
 France (Reunion, Mayotte)
 Portugal

SADC STATES

Angola
 Namibia
 South Africa
 Mozambique
 Tanzania
 Mauritius

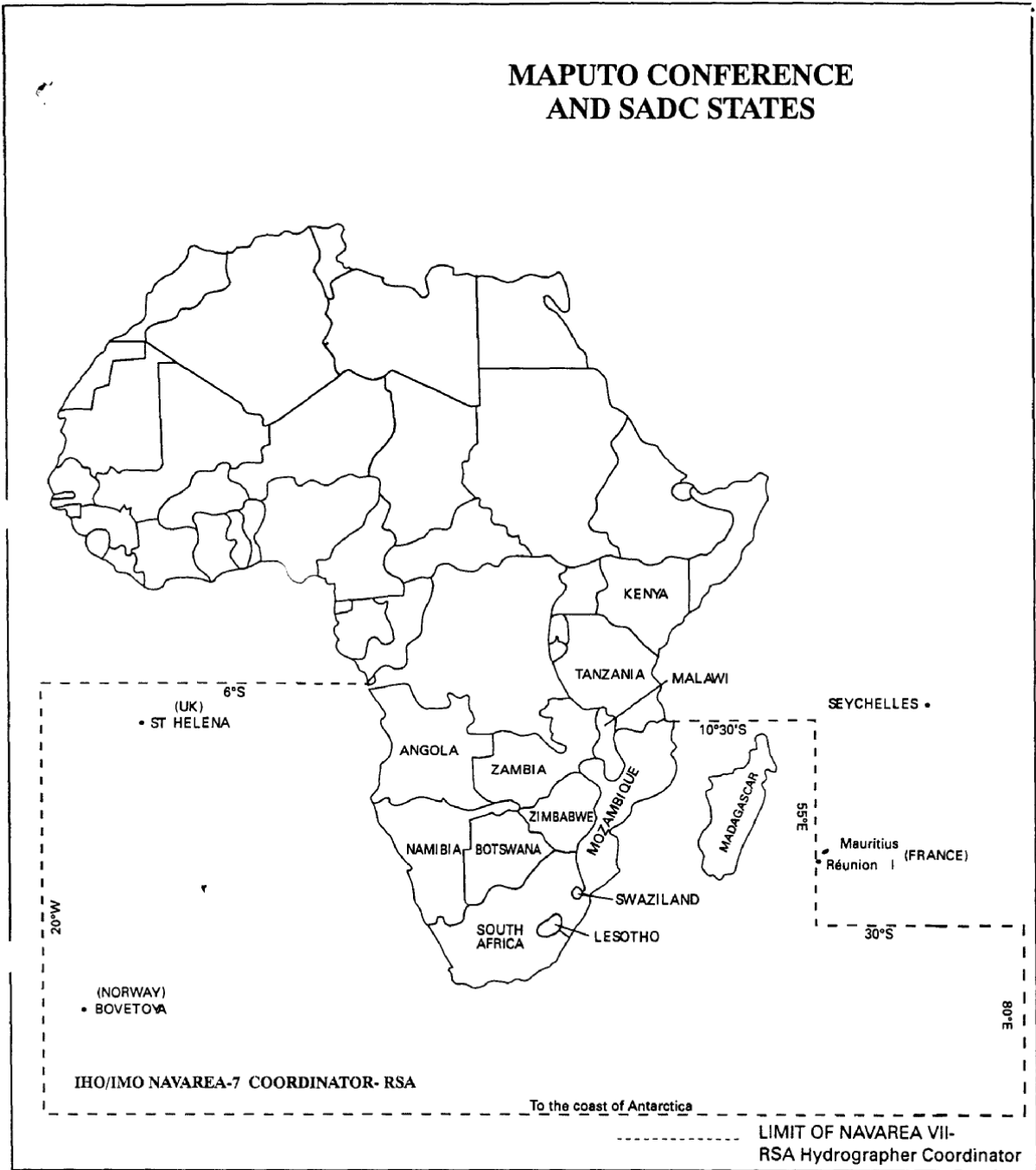
Zambia
 Botswana
 Zimbabwe
 Malawi
 Lesotho
 Swaziland

There are 6 States common to Conference and SADC
 7 States are in Conference but not in SADC
 6 States are in SADC but not in Conference

Out of a total of 19 States only 6 are common to both SADC and Conference.

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MAPUTO CONFERENCE AND SADC STATES



MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE AD HOC REGIONAL COOPERATION GROUP FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OCEAN ISLAND STATES HELD AT 09H45, 16 NOVEMBER 1995 AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY SILVERMINE COMPLEX, TOKAI, SOUTH AFRICA

ATTENDANCE:

Cdre. N.R. Guy	South African Directorate of Hydrography, (Interim Chairman)
T. Kruuse	International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (JALA)
Capt. W. Dernier	South African Department of Transport
F. Da Silva	Department of Maritime, Angola
F. Costa Neto	Department of Maritime, Angola
Capt. B. Van Luijk	Namibian Ports Authority, Namibia
Capt. I.E. Harvey	Portnet (Marine Services), South Africa
Capt. K.H. Burchell	Portnet (Marine Services), South Africa
J.H. Collocott	Portnet (Lighthouse Services), South Africa
A. Gove	INAHINA, Mozambique
R. Holtet	INAHINA, Mozambique
L. Antonio	INAHINA, Mozambique
F. Pelembe	INAHINA, Mozambique
Capt. A. Ketoyo	Kenya Ports Authority, Kenya
R.Adm. G. Angrisano	International Hydrographic Bureau
L. Alves	Instituto Hidrográfico, Portugal
L.cdr. M. De Abreu	Instituto Hidrográfico, Portugal
K. Olsen	Coast Directorate, Norway
A. Fuller	INMARSAT

The Interim Chairman welcomed everybody and expressed his delight at the attendance of so many delegates.

Apologies were received from the United Kingdom, France, IAPH & the Inter-governmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

He informed the meeting that he will chair the meeting until a new Chairman has been selected.

Item 2

The Agenda as agreed upon with only the "confirmation of the minutes of the 25 August 1995 meeting" which was added to the draft agenda.

Item 3

Cdre. Guy briefly discussed the minutes of the Maputo Conference Committee meeting that was held on 25 August 1995 to update those that were not present at that meeting. The minutes of that meeting were confirmed.

Item 4

After discussion, it was agreed to that this should be an ad hoc group. The name ***Southern African ad hoc Regional Co-operation Group on Safety of Navigation*** was agreed upon. Membership of this Group could extend beyond the equator and it also includes the Indian Ocean Islands.

Item 5

It was agreed upon that all organisations which have the interest of safety of navigation at heart will be welcome to participate, but that the following regional Member States shall have only one vote:

Angola	Namibia
South Africa	Mozambique
Tanzania	Kenya
Madagascar	France (representing Réunion & Mayotte)
Seychelles	Mauritius
Norway (representing Bouvetoya)	United Kingdom (representing St. Helena)

The Interim Chairman called for nominations for Chairmanship. Capt. Burchell nominated Capt. Dernier, which was supported by Mr. Gove. As only one nominee had been received, Capt. Dernier was elected unanimously as Chairman.

The Secretariat is to be provided by the Chairman and the Chairmanship will be reviewed after 2 years. Portnet and the Hydrographic Office offered their assistance with regard to the Secretariat.

Capt. Dernier took the Chair and Capt. Burchell expressed the appreciation of everyone to Cdre. Guy for his contributions to the Maputo Conference and the formation of this Group.

Item 6

The Terms of Reference of the Group was agreed upon and is reflected in Appendix A.

Item 7

The composition of the Study Group was discussed and the following was agreed to:

The Study Group would consist of members from IALA IHB, Portnet, INAHINA S.A. DOT, IAPH and the Regional Hydrographic Commission.

Portnet and INAHINA are to recommend to IALA the names of their representatives and the S.A. DOT to recommend to IMO their representative.

Action: Portnet, INAHINA, S.A.DOT.

IAPH, WMO and the World Bank must be advised of the establishment of the Group and a letter is to be drafted by the Chairman and Cdre. Guy and to be forwarded to NORAD and the European Union for possible funding of the Study Group.

Action: Chairman, Cdre. Guy

It is intended that the Study Group will conduct its visit during March 1996, with the priority being Angola and Tanzania and a second priority being Kenya and Madagascar.

Item 8

It was agreed that the Group would be entirely independent but would liaise with SADC by exchange of observers or by communication.

Item 9

It was agreed by the Group that the letters should be addressed to Angola and Tanzania (2 departments) to advise of the intended visit by the Study Group as urgent attention should be given to the situation with regard to Safety of Navigation. The situation in Kenya and Madagascar is also seen as a priority.

Action: Chairman, Cdre. Guy

Item 10

The next meeting of the Group is intended to take place early August 1996 with a possible venue being Mombasa, Kenya. The report of the Study Group should then be available for discussion.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12H40, expressing his appreciation to the members for their positive contributions and wished everyone a safe journey home.

WP. DERNIER
CHAIRMAN
NOVEMBER 1995

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN AD HOC REGIONAL
CO-OPERATION GROUP ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION HELD ON
29-30 AUGUST 1996 AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN SILVERMINE COMPLEX,
SOUTH AFRICA**

ATTENDEES:

Cdre. N.R. Guy	S. A. N. Hydrography	Directorate of Acting Chairman
Mr. T. Kruise	IALA	
Rear Admiral G. Angrisano	IHB	
Mr. A. Smith	IAPH	
Mr. M. D. Constantino	Angola	First day only
Mr. F.H.C.M. Da Silva	Angola	First day only
Capt. Dos Santos Aguiak	Angola	First day only
Mr. S.F.P. Ferreira	Angola	First day only
Mr. F.D. Costa Neto	Angola	First day only
Ing/Gèn F. Milard	France	
Ing/Ch G. Bessero	France	
Mr. S.K. Githendu	Kenya	
Mr. R. Kimilu	Kenya	
Lt. Cdr. F. Mghalu	Kenya	
Capt. J.M. Othach	Kenya	
Capt. F.O. Wahutu	Kenya	Last day only
Mr. R.N. Raharisaona	Madagascar	
Capt. P. Ponambalum	Mauritius	
Mr. A. Gove	Mozambique	
Mr. A. Horta	Mozambique	
Ms. L. N. Shapwa	Namibia	
Capt. M. J. Van der Meer	Nainibia	
Mr. K. Hjelle	Namibia	
Vice Adm. A.C. de Ferreira	Portugal	
Lt. Cdr. M.A.F. Pinto de Abreu	Portugal	
Capt. M. Rosette	Seychelles	
Capt. I. B. Harvey	South Africa	
Capt. K.H. Burchell	South Africa	
Mr. D. H. Lewis	South Africa	
Mr. L. Jordaan	South Africa	
Mr. J. H. Collocott	South Africa	
Mr. B. E. Skittrall	United Kingdom	
Ms. Salusbury	United Kingdom	

1. WELCOME

Cdre. N. Guy welcomed everyone and stated that as Capt. W. Dernier, the Chairman, was ill, the Department of Transport proposed that he take the chair. The meeting agreed to this.

The Acting Chairman appealed to everyone to participate actively to ensure that decisions would result from the meeting and that actions would follow.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Capt. Dernier as well as the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). Gratitude was expressed towards IMO for sponsoring developing countries to the Search and Rescue (SAR) Conference to be held 2 - 6 September 1996 in Cape Town, resulting in many delegates attending this meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The proposed agenda was adopted, with a new Item 7 being added, namely *Regional Plan* as proposed by South Africa. The following corrections were also made:

France (Reunion & Mayotte)
Norway (Bovetoya)
United Kingdom (St. Helena)

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were accepted with minor corrections. South Africa proposed the acceptance thereof, with France seconding.

The following corrections were made:

Item 5 - the word "representing" appearing in brackets after "France", "Norway" and the "United Kingdom" should be deleted and should read as follows:
France (Reunion & Mayotte)
Norway (Bovetoya)
United (ingdom (St. Helena)

5. APPLICATION FROM ZAIRE

It was agreed that Zaire and the Comores be invited to join as Members of the Group. Furthermore, it was agreed that the landlocked states adjacent to the lakes, namely Malawi, Zambia and Uganda should be invited to attend the meetings as observers.

Action: Chairman

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Previous Agenda Items

Item 4 - The suggestion from IAPH was accepted and the words "... and Marine Environmental Protection" were added to the name of the Group. The following name was adopted:
The Southern African ad hoc Regional Co-operation Group on Safety of Navigation and Marine Environmental Protection.

The acronym SAGNEP was also agreed to.

Item 6 - The following proposals were agreed to with regard to the Terms of Reference:

- i) Heading: The words "... and Marine Environmental Protection" were added after "Navigation".
- ii) Para. 2 - The following were added to the sentence "... in particular IMO, IHO, IALA, SADC, IOC and the Indian Ocean Commission"

- iii) Para. 4 - The following words were added after "Navigation"... and Marine Environmental Protection"
- iv) Para. 5 - The following words were inserted after "Navigation"... and Marine Environmental Protection."
- v) Para. 12 - The following words were inserted after "Navigation"... and Marine Environmental Protection"
- vi) A new para. 15 was added - "The Chairman should, in conjunction with the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission, advise the relevant Sector of SADC (Marine and Inland Waterway Transport, Article 8.5) of the importance of hydrography and aids to navigation and keep them up to date on the situation in the Region.

Item 7 - The EU and IAPH were informed of the formation of SAGNEP but the World Bank was advised unofficially only. They still need to be officially advised.

Action: Chairman

Item 9 - Although a letter was addressed to Angola, it was not received. Mr. L. Jordan of Foreign Affairs proposed that urgent messages could be forwarded through the South African Missions where applicable.

The Chairman again emphasised the problems being experienced with communication in the Region. Any change of telephone/fax numbers should be forwarded to the Chairman soonest to ensure that all the Members are kept informed.

It was agreed that a Study Team should visit Angola and Madagascar as soon as possible.

Action: IHB / IALA

6.2 Study Team's Report

Rear Admiral Angrisano and Mr. T. Kruuse summarised the conclusions that resulted from the visit.

The proposals for National Committees on Maritime Safety, and proposed tasks and guidelines for such committees were conveyed to the meeting.

It was clear from the visit that in each country one Minister should be responsible for Maritime Safety, which could then be delegated to competent departments/authorities.

The Study Team also conveyed their appreciation to both Kenya and Tanzania for the way they were received as well as for the arrangements that were made to meet as many of the relevant departments and authorities as possible.

It was decided that copies of the reports sent to Kenya and Tanzania should be forwarded to each Member. These reports will also be translated into French and Portuguese where necessary. IHB and Portugal will arrange for the translation into French and Portuguese respectively.

Action: IHB/Portugal/Chairman

6.3 National Reports and Updates

- 6.3.1 Each country's representatives gave a brief verbal report on the current status in their respective countries. Copies of reports that were made available will be forwarded to each Member.

Action: Chairman

A summary of those countries which did not submit a written report are as follows:

6.3.1.1 Tanzania

Problems with communication still exists within the different departments. A contract for the upgrading of aids to navigation installations from acetylene gas to solar power has been awarded to Pharos Marine.

A buoy tender vessel is also in the process of being built.

6.3.1.2 Angola

The situation has not changed very much since the Maputo Conference held in 1995. No official organisational structures have been implemented and permission is still being awaited from the Government for the approval of certain projects.

6.3.1.3 Mauritius

Solar powered buoys have operated without problem for the last 5 years. The oldest lighthouse currently being supplied by the national electricity network is still in very good condition.

Navigational warnings are issued by the local harbour authorities and it is intended to introduce NAVTEX. The Coast Guard is responsible for Search and Rescue and suitable oil spill equipment is available within the ports for Tier 1 spills.

6.3.1.4 France

The Members present could not advise on the status as the Hydrographer does not have the responsibility of Safety of Navigation.

6.3.1.5 United Kingdom

The Members present could not advise on the status as the Hydrographer does not have the responsibility of Safety of Navigation.

- 6.3.2 As the * theft of solar modules seems to be a common problem being experienced, IALA was requested for one of its technical committees to supply a solution.

Action: IALA

- 6.3.3 Kenya requested assistance with regard to the problem of the hyacinth weed on Lake Victoria. The Acting Chairman will approach the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in South Africa which might have a solution. The representative of Mauritius will also contact a Mauritian representative of the IOC in this regard as well. All the information received should be forwarded to Kenya.

Action: Cdre. Guy/Capt. Ponambalum/Chairman

6.4 Competent Authorities

After a discussion, the Acting Chairman requested each Member to forward the details of the relevant departments and sections within their countries responsible for safety of navigation, search and rescue, port state control, anti-pollution measures and maritime safety information to the Chairman. The information should include the name, position, postal address, telephone and fax numbers. A register will then be compiled by the Chairman.

Action: All Members /Chairman

6.5 Oil pollution response contingency planning

After a discussion it was agreed that each coastal state should contribute towards a regional Tier 3 Pollution Control Centre as well as to the establishment of national contingency plans.

Action: All Members

6.6 Program for co-operation in region

This was discussed in depth and it was decided that all the Members should advise the Chairman of training facilities and courses appropriate to Safety of Navigation available in the region including France, Norway, Portugal and the United Kingdom. This should also include assets and facilities that could be shared by other Members. The costs involved in the utilisation of these assets and facilities would have to be negotiated between the respective states. The Chairman will make this information available to the Members.

Action: All Members/Chairman

6.7 Improvements of Aids to Navigation

After a discussion, it was decided that each Member must complete the questionnaires which were drawn up for the Maputo Conference and submit it by 1 October 1996.

Action: All Members

This information would then be circulated and Members should advise the Chairman of any national plans and envisaged projects.

Action: Chairman/All Members

7. REGIONAL PLAN

It was decided that IALA and IHB should investigate the possibility of developing a format of a national plan which could then be forwarded to the Members as a guide. A regional plan based on these national plans could then be prepared by the Chairman.

Action: IALA, IHB, All Members, Chairman

8. GENERAL

8.1 Action Plan

The decisions were listed and confirmed. Those responsible and time schedules were also decided upon and an action plan agreed to.

8.2 Benefits of being a member of International Organisations

The Secretary General of IALA informed the meeting on the benefits of membership of IALA. The cost of membership was discussed and the Secretary General advised that the IALA Council had decided that new applicants need only pay membership fees as from the second year of membership. The Acting Chairman requested that Members should reconsider favourably becoming members of IALA and other international organisations.

8.3 Register

The Acting Chairman referred to the information that needs to be submitted as discussed in 6.4 and again urged each member to advise the Chairman of any change in the details of contact persons to ensure that para. 11 of the Terms of Reference can be adhered to.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next meeting should take place in 1998 in Cape Town and should be held immediately before or after the meeting of the Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission.

10. CLOSURE

The Acting Chairman thanked everyone for their input on behalf of the Chairman, Capt. Demier and stated that a lot of work lies ahead and each Member should ensure that all relevant information requested should be submitted timeously. The meeting expressed its appreciation to the Acting Chairman for a successful and constructive meeting.

The Acting Chairman conveyed the appreciation of all present to the Hydrographer and his staff involved for the use of the venue, facilities, the delicious lunches and teas that were provided. Lt.Cdr. B. Vine was thanked for his personal contribution with regard to the transport and other arrangements.

The Acting Chairman also wished Capt. Harvey a long and healthy retirement and conveyed the appreciation of all for his efforts in establishing the Group and his valued contributions.

The meeting closed at 11h30 on 30 August 1996.

SECRETARY

DATE

CHAIRMAN

DATE

**ACTION PLAN RESULTING FROM THE SECOND MEETING OF SAGNEP
August 1996**

	Decisions	Action by	Date
1	That SAGNEP encourage coastal States to contribute to a regional Tier 3 pollution response centre and that they establish national contingency plans.	Chairman	Dec '96
2	That the Study Group arrange a visit to Angola and Madagascar as soon as possible.	IHO, JALA, IAPH, IMO, France, Mozambique, Portugal, South Africa	June '97
3	That member States advise the Chairman of their relevant Departments and Sections responsible for search and rescue aids to navigation, the transmission of maritime safety information (CNW, NAVAREA, GMDSS) port state control inspections and anti-pollution measures. The name, postal, telephonic and fax information is essential.	Coastal Member States	Oct '96
4	That IALA investigate the security of the solar modules of unmanned solar installations to prevent theft. IALA		Dec '97
5	a. That SAGNEP circulates the current situation as reported by member States for confirmation and that the member States advise the Chairman of any national plans and envisaged projects.	Chairman	Dec '96
	b. That JALA and the IHB investigate the possibility of developing a format for a national plan that can then be sent to member States to assist in the preparation of their national plan.	IALA IHB	May '97
	c. That the Chairman compiles a draft regional plan based on the national plans submitted and circulate to members.	Chairman	June '97
	d. The Chairman should advise the relevant international organisations of these initiatives.	Chairman	June '97
6	That the Kenyan and Tanzanian Reports emanating from the Study Group visits be translated where necessary and circulated by the	Chairman. IHB/Portugal/ Chairman	Oct '96
7	That Zaire and the Comores be invited to become Members.	Chairman	Immediate
8	That landlocked States bordering on navigable lakes in the region be invited to attend as observers.	Chairman	Immediate
9	That CSIR, IOC and the IOC representative in Mauritius be approached to advise Kenya on the eradication of the hyacinth weed on the lakes.	Chairman	Immediate

	Decisions	Action by	Date
10	That the Chairman advise Members of the training facilities, courses and assets appropriate to the work of the Group available both in the region and in France, Norway, Portugal and the United Kingdom.	Chairman	Nov '96
11	That the Maritime and Antarctic Affairs Section of the S.A. Foreign Affairs assist where possible with the passing of urgent messages via their Missions to departments in member States.	Members, S.A. Foreign Affairs	Immediate
12	That IMO be urged to co-ordinate study visits in the region to avoid duplication with SAGNEP.	IALA IHB	Immediate
13	That the Chairman arrange, in conjunction with the Southern African & Islands Hydrographic Commission, a presentation on the important of hydrography and aids to navigation to the relevant Section of SADC (Maritime and Inland Waterway Transport, Article 8.5), the Indian Ocean Commission and the East African Co-operation Secretariat.	Chairman SAIHC	Immediate