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IHO/IHB Matters

Status of Approval of Amendments to the IHO Convention

1. As of 28 February 2014, 39 of the required 48 approvals of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention had been received by the Government of Monaco.
2. The Government of Monaco has not received notification of approval of the Protocol of Amendments from the following IHO Member States of the SWAtHC eligible to respond: Argentina, Uruguay.
3. The 5th Extraordinary Hydrographic Conference will be held as the first Assembly of the IHO if the remaining nine approvals are received by the Government of Monaco before 6 July 2014.

Status of IHO membership

4. Montenegro has become the 82nd Member State of the IHO on 3 December 2013.
5. With Serbia, Congo and the Dominican Republic remaining suspended, the current thresholds for IHO decisions are 40 when a simple majority is required and 53 when a two-third majority is needed. The Directing Committee reminds Member States that not responding to a Circular Letter which requires a vote is equivalent to voting no.
6. Bulgaria, Haiti, Mauritania and Sierra Leone have all received the required number of votes to be accepted as a Member State of the IHO. However, the Government of Monaco has yet to receive their instruments of accession from these countries which will formalise their membership.
7. Viet Nam, Brunei Darussalam, and Georgia have applied for membership of the IHO. As of 28 February 2014, the status of approvals was as follows:

State	Voting Status
Viet Nam (2011)	42 of 52 required
Brunei Darussalam (2012)	37 of 52 required
Georgia (2012)	38 of 52 required

8. The approval of the application of Brunei Darussalam by Uruguay has not yet been notified to the IHO.
9. The Directing Committee, in cooperation with the Government of Monaco, stands ready to assist, through diplomatic or other channels, Member States' representatives that may be encountering difficulties in progressing the outstanding approvals through their respective governments.
10. The Directing Committee, in cooperation with the Government of Monaco, stands ready to assist, through diplomatic or other channels, non IHO Member States' representatives wishing to progress an application for membership of the IHO through their respective governments.

INT Chart and ENC Production Coordination - Region C1

11. The IHB maintains IHO Publication S-11 - Part B - *Catalogue of INT Charts* on the basis of:
- the inputs from the INT regional coordinators (Brazil for Region C1),
 - the new publications or editions of INT charts forwarded to the IHB in accordance with IHO General Regulation 19, and
 - the information provided in Notices to Mariners.
12. The update to Region C1 Section provided by the regional coordinator in early February 2014 has been processed and resulted in a new Edition 2.0.5.

IHO ENC Reference Collection and ENC Availability Catalogue

13. As a follow up to CL 51/2012 dated 18 May, about the provision of ENCs to the IHB in accordance with IHO General Regulation 19, PRIMAR has arranged to offer to the IHB a free Web Map Service (WMS) containing all the ENCs available in the WEND (RENCs) database, continuously updated. The WMS service will be for internal use in the IHB only.

C-55 Updates

14. The latest updated information in C-55 - *Status of Charting and Surveys Worldwide* in the SWAtHC region is as follows:

Area	C-55 last updated
Argentina	2009
Bolivia	/
Brazil	2013
Paraguay	/
Uruguay	/

15. Countries in the SWAtHC region are invited to provide the IHB with regular updates to C-55 on at least an annual basis.

IHO GIS Data Base

16. Work has continued on the development of the IHO GIS composed of two main parts: a country information database and a regional information database.

17. As reported in IHO CL 23/2014, the country information database has been developed by the officer seconded to the IHB from Japan and a new edition of the IHO Yearbook derived automatically from the database was posted on the IHO website for review by IHO Member States.

18. The regional information database will contain geospatial information about the coverage and location of charts, surveys and related information. It is expected to provide the principal resource for managing international chart coordination, ENC coverage, as well as the identification of survey or charting “hotspots”. A “beta version” of a pilot project for Antarctica was presented to the last meeting of the IHO Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (<http://hca.iho.int/>).

IHO Publicity

19. World Hydrography Day. The proposed theme for World hydrography Day 2014 is “*Hydrography – much more than nautical charts*”. The theme is intended to highlight the fundamental importance of hydrography and the proper surveying of the seas and oceans in the support all human activities that take place in, on or under the sea. The IHB is developing a supporting brief which will be posted on the IHO website (IHO CL 02/2014 refers).

20. IHO Stakeholder Forum. An IHO Stakeholder Forum is planned on the occasion of the next Conference of the International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS), Hydro14, which will take place in Aberdeen, United Kingdom, from 28 to 30 October 2014. The Forum will explore how to improve the two-way interaction between the IHO and industry (IHO CL 24/2014 refers).

21. International Hydrographic Review. The IHR provides an ideal opportunity for Member States to publicise technical and other achievements in the region. An editorial board comprising a representative from each region has been established. The representative for the SWAtHC is Captain Nickolas de Andrade Roscher (Brazil). Papers for consideration for publication in the IHR should be forwarded directly to the editor (ihreview@iho.int, copy to ian.halls1@defence.au.gov).

5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC-5)

22. EIHC 5 will take place from 6 to 10 October 2014 in Monaco. Planning and preparations are progressing normally. The outline of the programme and a first set of proposals to be considered by the Conference have been circulated to Member States (CCL 01 and 08 refers). Further documents will be issued over the coming months. It is expected that the content of the two half-day special sessions planned on 7 and 8 October will be detailed by the end of May.

23. The parallel Industry Exhibition is nearly full with only a few places still available.

24. Member States and non-Member States, as well as organizations recognized as observers, (CCL 06 and CCL 07 refer) are invited to attend the EIHC5 and actively participate in the Conference.

Action Requested of SWAtHC Member States

25. SWAtHC Member States are invited to:

- **Note** this report,
- **Report** in-country progress on approving the Amendments to the IHO Convention and approving New Member States, including any difficulties being encountered or IHB assistance required;
- **Continue to provide** updates to S-11 Part B, through Brazil as coordinator for INT Region C1;
- **Provide updates** to C-55 and the IHO Year Book as appropriate;
- **Take any other actions** as considered appropriate.