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CIRCULAR LETTER 50/2010
09 August 2010

OUTCOME OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE INTER-REGIONAL
COORDINATION COMMITTEE (IRCC2)

Reference: IHB CL25/2010 dated 09 March

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As announced in the above-referenced CL, the IRCC2 met in New Orleans on 17-18 June, immediately following the CBSC8 meeting, co-sponsored by the US Navy with NOAA. The event was attended by all IRCC members, except the RSAHC and GEBCO Guiding Committee. 26 Delegates and Observers from other IHO Member States and bodies also attended.

2. The Committee considered the reports submitted by the RHCs and the bodies belonging to the Committee and agreed on an Action List and the IRCC 2011 tasks as indicated in Annex A. The Minutes of the meeting can be consulted on the IHO web site under:

< http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/IRCC/IRCC2/Final%20Minutes%20IRCC2%2030JUL10.pdf >

3. Following the kind invitations received from Brazil (DHN) and from the UK (UKHO), the Committee agreed to hold its next meeting (IRCC3) on 26-27 May 2011, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, immediately after the CBSC meeting that will take place on the three previous days. Information and documents related to the IRCC3 meeting will be made available in good time on the IHO web site under IRCC.

4. The IHB takes this opportunity to invite Member States to consider and vote on two recommendations that the IRCC2 decided to submit to MS aimed at improving the existing IHO Resolutions: one dealing with INT Charts and the second one with National Reports submitted to RHC Meetings.

4.1 INT Charting Issues.

The IRCC recommends that the MS approve the following modification to **A402.1 in S4**, to bring it in line with the scope of Resolution 1/1937, as amended in M3:

To replace the last sentence (underlined) of **A-402.1**

“The responsibility for initiating the issue of a replacement New Chart, New Edition, Large Correction or NM Block normally rests with the producer nation. A printer nation receiving data which might give rise to a New Chart, New Edition, Large Correction or NM Block should pass it to the producer nation for action. All other members of the IHO should similarly pass such data to the producer nation for action.”

By the following text:

“ ... In order to improve INT chart compilation, production and maintenance, all IHO Member States should consider with high priority the provision of relevant data to the INT Chart Producer Nation

for action. IHO Member States shall also consider liaising with their national institutions holding relevant data to facilitate its provision to the appropriate INT Chart Producer Nation for action.”

4.2 National Reports to RHCs

The IRCC further recommends that MS approve the following amendment to **Resolution 2/1997** so as to incorporate in the structure of National Reports the use of the WWNWS template for the MSI section.

To add to the **Resolution 2/1997**, Structure for National Reports to Regional Hydrographic Commissions, numeral 5 MSI the following: **Note:** “Use the WWNWS template for this section”.

5. Member States are invited to complete and return the attached Voting Paper in Annex B to the IHB by **20 September 2010**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Gorziglia', written over a faint circular stamp.

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA
IHB Director and IRCC Secretary

Annex A: Action List and IRCC 2011 Tasks Agreed (English Only)
Annex B: Voting Paper.

ACTION LIST AND IRCC 2011 TASKS AGREED

[UPDATED TABLE 06 AUG 2010]

ACTION	LIST	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
IRCC02/01	Adopt objectives to accelerate the process of ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the IHO Convention in order to meet the deadline of the end of 2011.	RHCs	Permanent. Report results to IRCC3
IRCC02/02	Encourage the approval of pending applications for IHO membership.	RHCs	Permanent. Report results to IRCC3
IRCC02/03	Contact pending applicants in their region to encourage the ratification of the IHO Convention.	EAtHC and MBSHC	30 SEP 2010
IRCC02/04	Contact suspended Member States in their region to encourage their re-insertion in IHO.	EAtHC and MACHC	30 SEP 2010
IRCC02/05	Report to IRCC3 on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the methodology used for assessing and displaying survey status, taking into account navigational and MSDI requirements. b. the implementation of the guidance for the preparation and maintenance of International chart schemes (CL 23/2010 of 3 March 2010). c. their experience in dealing with marine disasters in relation with IHO guidelines (TR 1/2005). d. strategies to involve non-IHO MSs in RHC's activities. 	RHCs	20 APR 2011
IRCC02/06	Nominate a representative to the IHR Editorial Board and report to the IHB.	RHCs (which have not done so)	30 DEC 2010
IRCC02/07	Identify resources to carry out a visit in Georgia in 2010.	CBSC in coordination with MBSHC Chair and IHB.	30 JUL 2010 DONE by IHB modifying CB 2010 WP
IRCC02/08	Consider any opportunity to re-launch the regional activities in the ROPME area, e.g. by holding simultaneous or back-to-back meetings.	IHB and NIOHC Chair	30 OCT 2010 Probably in 2012, not 2011.
IRCC02/09	Consider inviting observers to the meetings of the RHC to be established in the Arctic Region, in accordance with article 4 of TR 2/1997 as amended.	ARHC (in establishment process)	Permanent
IRCC02/10	Harmonize the IRCC ToR and RoP with approved IHO texts.	IRCC Secretary	30 JUL 2010 DONE 300710
IRCC02/11	Provide a link from the WWNWS web page to MSI Capacity Building activities.	IRCC Secretary	30 JUL 2010 DONE 060810
IRCC02/12	Request follow-up reports from recipients of CB Fund support and submit them to the IHB.	RHCs	30 DEC 2010
ACTION	LIST	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
IRCC02/13	Report to IRCC3 on the outstanding actions from IRCC1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To send a letter to institutions running recognized 	IBSC	20 APR 2011

	<p>courses addressing the subject of cost recovery mechanisms.</p> <p>b. To provide to IHB the update to S-5 and S-8 related to Individual Recognition Guidelines.</p> <p>c. To continue deliberations and consult RHCs on any regional initiatives to develop recognised training or systems to monitor and assess the competence of individuals.</p>		
IRCC02/14	<p>Progress the tasks outlined in the WEND-WG Terms of Reference and in particular:</p> <p>a. Monitor progress in providing ENC coverage and identify and propose solutions to issues of concern such as gaps and overlaps. This should include consideration of the MBSHC paper to the WEND WG.</p> <p>b. Investigate and report on the significance of other areas of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - variation in licensing terms and conditions - reports of ENC quality and updating issues <p>c. Keep RHC Chairs informed of ENC issues identified within their regions.</p> <p>d. Provide support to IHB in preparation of reports to IMO NAV Sub-Committee.</p> <p>e. Prepare a report for IRCC3.</p>	WEND-WG In conjunction with RHCs.	<p>a) Permanent</p> <p>b) 20APR2011</p> <p>c) Permanent</p> <p>d) Permanent</p> <p>e) 20APR2011</p>
IRCC02/15	Invite HSSC to consider the way forward for the ECDIS Stakeholders' Forum in order to continue allowing for timely input from industry.	IRCC Chair	30 AUG 2010
IRCC02/16	Coordinate, with IHB, presentations to IMO on status of ENC to ensure best available information is used.	WEND-WG	Permanent
IRCC02/17	Consider ways to strengthen collaboration with RHCs with a priority on improving high resolution shallow water bathymetry at the regional level.	GEBCO GC	Permanent
IRCC02/18	Add an item on "Review of Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure" in the standing agenda for future IRCC Meetings.	IRCC Secretary	30 JUL 2010 DONE 060810

TASK	LIST	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
IRCC2 1/2011	<i>Inter Regional Coordinating Committee (IRCC) Meeting.</i> <i>Organize, prepare and conduct IRCC3 on 26/27 May, in Brazil, as agreed at IRCC2.</i>	Chairman with the support of Secretary and IHB	20 FEB 2011
IRCC2 2/2011	<i>Strategic Plan Update</i> <i>Submit proposals to the IHB to update the Strategic Plan, 10 months before the XVIII IHC (Assembly) (Ref. 4th EIHC Dec. 4)</i>	Chairman	01 JUL 2011
IRCC2 3/2011	<i>Preparation of Work Programme and Budget 2013-2017</i> <i>Cooperate with the IHB in the preparation of the 2013-2017 IHO Work Programme and Budget to be submitted to the XVIII IHC (Assembly) in 2012. (Ref. 4th EIHC Dec. 5)</i>	Chairman with the support of Secretary	01NOV2011
IRCC2 4/2011	<i>Assistance with the implementation of strategic mechanism</i> <i>Provide advice to IHB to review the implementation of the new planning mechanism at the end of each annual cycle in early 2011 and 2012. (Ref. 4th EIHC Dec. 7)</i>	Chairman	01MAR2011

AMENDMENTS TO A402.1 IN S4 AND RESOLUTION 2/1997 IN M3

VOTING FORM

(to be returned to the IHB by 20 September 2010

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Member State:

Do you approve replacing the last sentence of A-402.1 in S4 that reads "All other members of the IHO should similarly pass such data to the producer nation for action." by the following:

"In order to improve INT chart compilation, production and maintenance, all IHO Member States should consider with high priority the provision of relevant data to the INT Chart Producer Nation for action. IHO Member States shall also consider liaising with their national institutions holding relevant data to facilitate its provision to the appropriate INT Chart Producer Nation for action."

YES NO

Do you approve the insertion of the following Note:

"Note: Use the WWNWS template for this section"

in the Structure for National Reports to Regional Hydrographic Commissions, numeral 5, MSI in Resolution 2/1997 in M3 ?

YES NO

Comments (if any):

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