

## REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (ABLOS)

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ABLOS is a joint board established by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the International Association of Geodesy (IAG). Following Decisions 8 and 9 of the XVII<sup>th</sup> IHC which restructured the committees of the Organization, ABLOS was placed under the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) for reporting purposes within IHO. ABLOS also reports to the Executive Committee of IAG. The task of ABLOS is to provide advice on the technical aspects of the Law of the Sea.

<b>1. Chair:</b>	Mr. S. TANI (Japan)(IHO)	2007 - 2008
	Prof. C. RIZOS (Australia)(IAG)	2008 - 2010
	Mr. C. CARLETON (UK)(IHO)	2010 - 2012
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Dr. Z. GRŽETIĆ (Croatia)(IHO)	2007 - 2008
	Mr. C. CARLETON (UK)(IHO)	2008 - 2010
	Prof. S BISNATH (Canada)(IAG)	2010 - 2012
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mr. S. SHIPMAN (IHB)	2007 - 2012

### 2. Participants (..) Denotes number of meetings attended

IHO Member States: Brazil (5), Chile (2), Croatia (4), India (3), Japan (5), Pakistan (3), UK (5)

IAG representatives: Australia (4), Canada (4), Indonesia (4), New Zealand (1), Sweden (3)

### 3. Meetings

Since the XVII<sup>th</sup> Conference, ABLOS has met on five occasions, as follows:

ABLOS14	Dubrovnik, Croatia	30 - 31 October 2007
ABLOS15	IHB, Monaco	14 – 15 October 2008
ABLOS16	Bali, Indonesia	4 – 5 August 2009
ABLOS17	IHB, Monaco	25 and 28 October 2010
ABLOS18	Valparaiso, Chile	9 – 11 November 2011
WG on IHO Publication C-51 “ <i>TALOS Manual</i> ”		8 November 2011 (with ABLOS 18)

### 4. ABLOS Conferences

The following ABLOS Conferences were held at the IHB in Monaco:

5 <sup>th</sup>	Theme: <i>Difficulties in Implementing the Provisions of UNCLOS</i>	15 – 17 October 2008
6 <sup>th</sup>	Theme: <i>Contentious Issues in UNCLOS - Surely Not?</i>	25 – 27 October 2010

### 5. Summary of Work Undertaken

5.1 Two major Law of the Sea Conferences as set out in paragraph 4 above were organised.

5.2 A “Standard Training Programme” on the “*Technical aspects of maritime boundaries, baselines and the extended continental shelf*” for the Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC). ABLOS also delivered this course in Bangkok, Thailand from 15 – 19 November 2010, for the East Asia Regional Hydrographic Commission was prepared.

5.3 A draft 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of IHO Publication C-51 “A manual on the technical aspects of UNCLOS” the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of which was published by the IHO in March 2006 is currently being prepared.

**6. Proposals for adoption by the XVIII<sup>th</sup> I.H. Conference:**

6.1 The XVIII<sup>th</sup> I.H. Conference is invited to **note** the report of ABLOS.