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COUNTRY MARITIME PROFILE

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This proposal aims at facilitating future activities of the Joint IHO/IMO/WMO/IOC/IALA/IAEA/FIG Capacity Building Group (Joint CB Group) under the United Nations banner of “Delivering as One”, by sharing the relevant information contained in the respective Country Profiles maintained by the partner organizations.

Strategic direction: 1.1, 3.1

High-level action: 1.1.2, 3.1.2

Planned output: 1.1.2.9, 3.1.2.2

Action to be taken: Paragraph 9

Related documents: TC 65/??/?? (the Joint submission), TC 64/WP.2

Introduction

1 The Joint IHO/IMO/WMO/IOC/IALA/IAEA/FIG Capacity Building Group (Joint CB Group) seeks to improve safety of navigation world-wide, to protect the maritime environment and to achieve the UN’s Millennium Development Goals through cooperative and coordinated capacity building activities.

2 The development of Country Profiles, such as the IMO Country Maritime Profile (CMP), is a key element in assisting IMO Member States through the planning and delivery of targeted Capacity Building training and technical assistance. However, access to the information in the IMO CMP is generally restricted. This can make it more difficult for other organizations acting with IMO to “deliver as one” when information is not available to be shared among partners.

3. To maximise the benefits of delivering effective capacity building activities in each recipient State it is important that all the CB providers involved understand the strengths, limitations and requirements of those States and the aims and activities of their partners and their sister organizations.

4 The IHO has always operated an open Country Profile and technical assessment system in order to allow the IHO and others to maximise the effect of their support and

assistance. The IHO makes available IHO Publications P-5 (*Yearbook*) and C-55 (*Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Charting Worldwide*), via the IHO website at:

www.iho.int → Standards & Publications → Download

5 The IHO reports on the Technical and the High-level Visits which present assessments of the Hydrographic Services in countries and recommended actions are also openly available on the IHO website at:

www.iho.int → Capacity Building → Technical and High-level visits

Access to all these reports and the IHO publications P-5 and C-55 will be consolidated in the future as part of an IHO country profile system portal on the IHO website.

The Proposal

6 The IHO proposes the development of a joint approach for sharing all the non-sensitive information from each organization's country profile system in order to maximise the impact of capacity building in targeted States.

7 This could be an incremental process:

Step 1: share access to the current databases for non-sensitive information: CMP for IMO, P-5 and C-55 for IHO, the respective Country Profiles for WMO, IOC, IALA, IAEA and FIG.

Step 2: concerted development of a common CMP through the joint CB Group (collect one, use many times!)

8 Step 1 requires, in particular, to identify which information in the current IMO CMP is worth sharing and then to seek the agreement of IMO Member States to share this information which is currently not available to the other organizations of the Joint CB Group.

Action requested of the Committee

9 The Committee is invited to note the information contained in this document and, in particular, to:

.1 request the Secretariat to identify the chapters of the IMO CMP that are relevant to the work of the Joint CB Group and that do not contain sensitive information

.2 validate the information identified in the above item and seek the agreement of the IMO Member States to share that information.
