

**6th CSPCWG MEETING
Monaco 1-3 December 2009**

Paper for Consideration by CSPCWG

Report from HSSC1 – Notes from CSPCWG Chairman

Submitted by:	Chairman
Executive Summary:	A brief summary report noting the items of principal interest to CSPCWG.
Related Documents:	Report and Actions List of HSSC1, Singapore, 22-24 October 2009.
Related Projects:	CSPCWG Work Plan

Introduction / Background

1. These notes provide a brief summary report of the inaugural meeting of the Hydrographic Standards and Services Committee (HSSC1), hosted by Singapore, 22-24 October 2009.
2. The IHO's HSSC formed in January 2009 as the successor technical committee to the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS).
3. Where possible, WG Chairmen represent their respective WGs at HSSC, whilst attending as part of their national delegations. For HSSC1, a number of WG chairmen delivered their reports remotely by telephone links.
4. The meeting was attended by 25 IHO Member States (MS) of which about half were represented by national hydrographers or their deputies. A further 9 participants came from industry and international affiliated bodies.
5. The items noted below are limited to those issues that are most closely related to CSPCWG's activities. This report is not intended to summarise all the matters discussed, for which reference should be made to the official meeting report and action list (and to the national representative, for those MS represented) which will be made known and available through IHO CL and the IHO website (Committees & WG > HSSC > HSSC Meetings).

Analysis / Discussion

6. The following HSSC1 items are brought to CSPCWG's attention:
 - 6.1 Chairman was tasked by CHRIS (Action 20/23) with drafting standardized Terms of Reference (ToR) and Rules of Procedure (RoP) for International Chart Coordinators and Regional Charting Groups operating under Regional Hydrographic Commissions (CSPCWG Work Plan item B.2). The paper submitted to HSSC1 (HSSC1-06.5B) prompted much debate. It was decided to include amended ToR/RoP for regional International Charting Coordination Working Groups (ICCWG) within S-11 Part A at the next opportunity (HSSC1 Action 1/23).
 - 6.2 Chairman was tasked by CHRIS (Action 20/24) to 'Develop guidelines for preparation & maintenance of small / medium scale ENC schemes' (CSPCWG Work Plan item B.3). Little progress has been made on this matter to date. Accordingly, participants are requested to forward any documents &/or references known to them that may assist the

Chairman in progressing this work item.

- 6.3 The report of EUWG to HSSC1 makes reference to, and acknowledges the importance of, CSPCWG's work in developing the new section of S-4, B-600 (Chart Maintenance). In order to provide unified guidance to MS on the application of Preliminary & Temporary Notices to Mariners for ENC, it is highly desirable to rapidly conclude the drafting of B-600 and seek MS approval for its adoption.
- 6.4 Chairman was approached by ESRI with a request to join CSPCWG and to be included in future correspondence as participating members, according to the Terms of Reference.
- 6.5 In respect of the links between IHO and IMO, the matter of virtual AIS aids to navigation arose. An IALA workshop is planned in late January 2010 (Agenda item 8.3 refers).
- 6.6 S-11 Part B (Catalogue of International Charts) was identified as being out of date for some regions. Regional charting group coordinators will be encouraged to update and adequately maintain their respective catalogues.
- 6.7 A headline action from HSSC1 was to recommend to MS the adoption of S-100 as an active standard (plain language title: Universal Hydrographic Data Model), with effect from January 2010.
- 6.8 CSPCWG's Work Plan, updated to the date of HSSC1, was approved by the Committee. It is this version that will appear in the record of HSSC1. As CSPCWG's activities are ongoing, a further revision will be conducted by this meeting (Agenda item 13). Work items reported to HSSC1 as completed can be removed from this revised Work Plan.
- 6.9 A proposal regarding the timing of WG meetings in relation to HSSC meetings was agreed. This introduces a business rule requiring WGs to avoid meeting in the period immediately before HSSC and will be formalised by a change to WGs' Terms of Reference (Agenda item 5 & 15 refer).

Conclusions & Recommendations

7. A new ACTION is proposed:
 - All are requested to forward to the Chairman by 31 January 2010 any documents &/or references known that may assist in progressing Work Plan item B.3: 'Develop guidelines for preparation & maintenance of small / medium scale ENC schemes'.
8. Noting its commendation and referencing within EUWG's recommendations for procedures for Preliminary & Temporary Notices to Mariners, CSPCWG is encouraged to rapidly conclude the drafting of B-600 and seek MS approval for its adoption (Work Plan item A.8 and Agenda Item 9.1 refers).
9. Note the items in this report for updating CSPCWG Work Plan details.

Justification and Impacts

10. CSPCWG Chairman to continue representing the WG at HSSC:
 - by providing a report of the WG's activities;
 - seeking endorsement of the WG's Work Plan, including new work items and relative priorities;
 - raising issues of wider interest for the Committee's attention, as required.

Action required of CSPCWG

11. The CSPCWG is invited to note this report.