

16th MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION  
ODESSA, UKRAINE, 22-24 OCTOBER 2009

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

<b>Decision 1</b>	Member States to consider providing coastal bathymetry data IAW relevant resolution of IOC and IHB CL 36/2006 to the IHB.	
<b>Recommend 1</b>	Member States to contribute actively in the development of NEAMTWS	
<b>Recommend 2</b>	Where possible, Member States to upgrade national sea level stations identified by NEAMTWS Implementation Plan to real time data delivery and participate in data exchange.	
<b>Recommend 3</b>	On a voluntary basis, Member States to examine whether they want to participate actively in the NSHC EU2MWG and report to France.	Nov. 2009
<b>Decision. 2</b>	MBSHC Chairman to study the procedure and guidelines for developing a disaster action plan as described in annex B of IHB C.L. 89/2005 and to provide input to the next IRCC meeting.	
<b>Decision 3</b>	MBSHC Chairs to include the disaster management issues IAW with IHB CL 89/2005 as a permanent item in its Agenda.	
<b>Decision 4</b>	The Commission approves the Terms of Reference and the Rules of Procedure of the Black and Azov Seas Working Group as presented by the BASWG Chairman.	
<b>Decision 5</b>	Russian Federation and Ukraine to discuss on bilateral basis the issue of borders materialization on Ukraine national paper charts and report to the BASWG Chair.	
<b>Decision 6</b>	MBSHC Chairman to formally forward to the CBSC the results of the evaluation of the technical visits within the region with proposals on how these results will be implemented.	
<b>Decision 7</b>	Member States to send a graphic status of surveys to Spain	
<b>Decision 8</b>	Following allocation by the 7 <sup>th</sup> CBSC meeting of funding to support technical/advisory visits to Syria, Israel and Libya, MBSHC Chairman to officially inquire whether these countries need such visits. In case one or more of these countries decline the need for a visit, other requests should be identified.	
<b>Decision 9</b>	Following allocation by the 7 <sup>th</sup> CBSC meeting of funding to support technical/advisory visits to Syria, Israel and Libya, MBSHC Chairman to officially identify volunteer Member States able to provide staff to accomplish these visits.	
<b>Decision 10</b>	MBSHC Chairman to seek ways to get MBSHC Members not participating in the work of the commission, to be more involved in the Commission activities.	
<b>Decision 11</b>	France to confirm agreement to continue acting as MEDINCHART Coordinator, with the Terms of Reference set by the HSSC for Regional International Charting Coordination Groups	
<b>Decision 12</b>	Technical disagreements arising from chart production discussions should be referred first to the plenary of the Commission	
<b>Decision 13</b>	The MEDINCHART Coordinator to convene a technical meeting of the appropriate members of the MBSHC International Charting Group to resolve pending technical issues	
<b>Decision 14</b>	Italy to circulate the proposed procedure regarding the designation of MBSHC representatives to the IHO Council to Member States for consideration	
<b>Decision 15</b>	Member States to consider the procedure proposed by Italy regarding the designation of MBSHC representatives to the IHO Council and report to Italy	
<b>Decision 16</b>	Member States that have not yet ratified the Protocol of amendments to the IHO Convention, to inform Italy about the progress of the ratification.	

	Italy to report to the MBSHC Chairman	
<b>Recommend 4</b>	MBSHC Chairman is required to highlight in the standard meeting report the items that he would like to refer to the IRCC as recommended by the 1 <sup>st</sup> IRCC meeting in June 2009	
<b>Recommend 5</b>	MBSHC Chairman to invite Chairs of adjacent Regional Hydrographic Commissions to attend MBSHC meetings as recommended by the 1 <sup>st</sup> IRCC meeting in June 2009	
<b>Decision 17</b>	The XVIIth MBSHC meeting to take place in Athens, Greece	Greece to identify specific dates by end 2009
<b>Decision 18</b>	The Commission elected Turkey to chair the MBSHC for the period 2009-2011 after Ukraine resignation expressed at the commencement of the 16 <sup>th</sup> MBSHC meeting	