



MBSHC Circular Letter 01/2014

31 January 2014

Subject : MBSHC18 Follow Up.

- Ref. : (a) MBSHC Circular Letter 05/2013 dated 05 December 2013.
(b) MBSHC Circular Letter 06/2013 dated 06 December 2013.
(c) MBSHC Circular Letter 07/2013 dated 11 December 2013.

Dear Colleagues,

1. According to the decision of the MBSHC (MBSHC18/23), the estimated and target values of agreed Strategic Performance Indicators (SPIs) and Working Level Performance Indicators (WPIs) for the MBSHC were asked with reference (a). Responses from 16 (out of 26) have been received and the values of SPIs & WPIs for MBSHC are defined as in **Annex-A** which will be forwarded to IRCC Chair if no other comment/information is received until **28 February 2014** from members which have not responded reference (a). Please note that SPIs & WPIs for MBSHC defined for the first time with inadequate information. Hence, some SPIs & WPIs could not be defined. But, I believe that the relevant information will be collected permanently in the following years and more reliable data is going to be obtained.
2. As agreed by the MBSHC (MBSHC18/01), the Draft Disaster Action Plan for MBSHC was circulated with reference (b). The text generally accepted by the MBSHC Member States (MSs) with minor amendments. The consolidated Draft Disaster Action Plan for MBSHC is in **Annex-B** (MBSHC18/02). This issue will be included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Commission (MBSHC19) where it's expected to be finalized.
3. Regarding Capacity Building (CB) activities, all MBSHC members were requested to submit their CB requirements (technical visits, courses, seminars, workshops etc.) by reference (c) as agreed by MBSHC (MBSHC18/18). The five year CB Plan for the MBSHC prepared by the CB Coordinator (TR) as in **Annex-C** (MBSHC18/19). Relevant submissions will be made by the CB Coordinator this year for 2015 implementation program if no other requirement/comment is received until **28 February 2014**. The final version of the five year CB Plan for the MBSHC will be forwarded to IRCC Chair.
4. The proposals for the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC5) which will be held in Monaco between 06-10 October 2014 had been requested with reference (c) according to the decision of the Commission (MBSHC18/06) and no proposal has been submitted.
5. The other issue is the proposal of France which was circulated with reference (c) regarding the revision of the MBSHC statutes in order to give right to a MS to be represented by another MS at the meetings of the MBSHC. Five negative (DZ, HR, RO, TN and TR) and two positive (ES and GR) responses have been received from MBSHC MSs and two negative responses from one Associates MS (MN) and one Observer (UK). Therefore, the proposal is not accepted by the Commission in accordance with Article 11 of the Statutes of the MBSHC.

6. I also would like to inform you that the technical visit to Lebanon will be implemented between 04 and 06 February 2014 with participation of the experts from France, Turkey (lead) and the IHB; technical visit to Georgia will be implemented between 22 and 24 April 2014 with participation of the experts from Russian Federation, Turkey (lead) and Ukraine; and the technical visit to Israel will be implemented between 30 June and 02 July 2014 with participation of the experts from Greece, Turkey (lead) and the IHB.

7. Its my pleasure to announce that Montenegro has become 82nd Member State of the IHO as announced by the IHB with IHO CL 07/2014 and the 19th Member State of the MBSHC in accordance with Article 1 of the Statutes of the MBSHC.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex-A (SPIs & WPIs for MBSHC)

Annex-B (Draft Disaster Action Plan for MBSHC)

Annex-C (Five Year CB Plan for the MBSHC)