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Cádiz, España (Spain)

14:30 – 16:15

Draft Summary Report

ICC5-1 Opening of ICCWG-5 meeting

The region F ICCWG Chair welcomed the participants of this ICCWG-5 meeting which takes place alongside the 21st MBSHC Conference in Spain.

The Chair made a few reminders on the ICCWG, emphasizing the technical nature of the discussions held in this instance. It is a permanent working group and its meetings are meant to sum up and reach agreements on topics already discussed by correspondence. Late submissions such as Spain's report cannot be properly analyzed and must be addressed bilaterally before being submitted to the ICCWG.

France explained to the members why the decision to resign from the role of Coordinator was made after more than 40 years of duty. The INT scheme is now considered mature and is not likely to undergo major evolutions. Resolving the ENC overlaps is now the main challenge for the Coordinator. Then the newly elected Coordinator, Marta Pratellesi from the Italian Istituto Idrografico della Marina briefly introduced herself.

*After these introductory matters, **ICCWG-5 Members approved the draft agenda submitted by the ICCWG Chair.***

ICC5-2 Minutes of ICCWG-4 Meeting

*The Chair invited the ICCWG Members to comment on the draft minutes of the last ICCWG-4 meeting. Without any comments from the floor, **the ICCWG-4 Minutes are approved.***

The Chair reviewed the MBSHC20 actions affecting the ICCWG not covered in a dedicated ICCWG-5 agenda item.

- **MBSHC20/08: Member States and Associate members to ensure that the information on any requirements for ECDIS back-up arrangements using paper charts have been posted on the IHO website, and to update or give confirmation of no change at least once a year.**

*Updates were received from GB, GR, HR, IT, RO, TN and UA: **permanent action.***

- **MBSHC20/16: EG to propose a transition plan including procedure for reprint agreement prior to endorsement in the region F catalogue**

EG and GB are working on a transition plan for INT charts and ENC's covering Egypt Mediterranean shores, no issues were raised.

ICC5-3 Region F INT scheme status

The ICCWG Chair first reported briefly on the evolution of the regional INT catalogue, underlining the fact that the INTOGIS web solution is now routinely used by MS. IHO Secretariat can provide new or lost account access details.

- **MBSHC20/15: Member States to liaise with INTOGIS Management team (IHO Secretariat) to retrieve their national account access details**

DZ, EG, MA and TN have retrieved their account details since MBSHC20.

- **MBSHC20/35: MS to check and, if necessary, update their INT charts metadata (chart limit, title, year, format, scale, etc.) included in the region F INT catalogue using their INTOGIS national account.**

Updates were received from DZ, ES, FR, GB, GE, HR and UA. Current version of the catalog is V3.0.6, June 2019, comprising 220 produced and 86 schemed INT charts.

Then, the MBSHC20 actions related to the INT chart catalogue were addressed:

- **MBSHC20/32: New INT chart producers to provide Region F ICC with the INT charts iaw IRCC7 Decision3.**

*4 INT charts were received from GE: INT 3871 (GE101), INT3872 (GE102), INT3873 (GE103) and INT3876 (GE104). The IHO Secretariat reminded MS that once released, copies of the new INT charts were to be provided to them. This is a **permanent action**, in accordance with Region F ICCWG RoPs, section 3.11.*

- **MBSHC20/36: MS to submit their new INT chart proposals using their INTOGIS national account.**

*Proposals were received from GR (see below) and EG. **EG is to provide proposals of new INT charts to the Region F ICC, to check consistency with the current INT scheme** (New charts to be added to the scheme and charts taking over already produced INT charts, IAW with transition plan with UKHO, with justification of proposed modifications to the existing scheme if applicable).*

Proposal to update the Region F INT scheme in the Aegean Sea.

The Chair presented the proposal, which was first submitted to the ICCWG by Region F ICCWG Circular Letter 01/2019 dated 11th March. An objection from TR was received on 25th March pointing out the lack of justification of the proposal. Region F ICCWG CL 02/2019 dated 30th April recalled that the relevance of proposals for modification or addition to the INT scheme is first assessed by the regional coordinator before any submission to the ICCWG. In the present case, these proposals were considered relevant by the regional charting coordinator as they allow the extension of the INT scheme, which is still incomplete in the Aegean Sea with regard to the needs of international navigation.

TR reiterated their strong objection to the proposed scheme, based on matters of disputed jurisdiction over some areas. The Chair pointed out that, in accordance with RoPs section 3.7, objections are to be based on technical issues, which seems not to be the case here. TR pointed out that maritime delimitation is a "technical" issue.

*Without being able to reach agreement by all members of the ICCWG, the coordinator decided to recommend, in its name, **that the MBSHC should approve the proposal of introducing those charts in the scheme, and assign production to GR.** (The proposed INT3736, including some inland Turkish territory, was later proposed to be a coproduction between TR and GR).*

INT scheme in the Black and Azov Seas – Pending charts

These issues had already been raised during the last BASWG14 meeting in Constanta, Romania in May 2018.

*A request from UA to produce INT charts 3897, 3899, 2903 and 3818 in the Azov sea was reminded. Without an agreement between RU and UA about production of these charts, **the Coordinator recommended that they should be left pending.***

*A request from GE to co-produce with RU chart INT3810 (currently produced by RU / RU32173) was addressed and it was decided that **RU and GE should work on an agreement for the coproduction of INT3810 and report to the Region F ICC, who can provide help if needed.***

*Another request from GE was to produce the INT chart covering Soukhumi port and its approaches (GE108). The Chair pointed out that the interest of producing an INT chart for this port is weak (RU aborted production of a scheme chart in 2009 and the port is closed to international shipping). As such, **the Coordinator's view is that this chart should not be inserted in the INT scheme of the region.***

*During the presentation of the Russian Federation national report to the MBSHC, it was noted that RU had recently issued a new edition of INT3808. This INT chart is a coproduction between TR and GE and as such, RU should have provided the information to the producing nations. **RU agreed to***

provide TR and GE with repromats of their updated chart corresponding to INT3808 together with updating information for the corresponding ENC TR200014.

INT scheme in the Western Mediterranean Sea

- **MBSHC20/37: ICCWG-F to confirm the transfer of INT3102, INT3108, INT3110 and INT3112 to the Western Mediterranean small scale INT scheme (see decision MBSHC20/06).**

*The Chair asked ES to confirm the interest of keeping these charts in the INT scheme when the schemed "Coastal" INT charts will be produced, considering that the scales are close (1:425 000 and 1:350 000 for the existing charts, 1:275 000 and 1:250 000 for the schemed charts). ES explained that international shipping need to have routes between certain ports (eg. Marseilles to Barcelona) on a unique chart. It was thus **decided to keep those charts in the "General" category.***

Following this point and in reaction to the report to the ICCWG from ES already mentioned in introduction, GB read a statement from its Government in regard to Gibraltar charts, to be inserted on the MBSHC20 website alongside the Spanish report.

ICC5-4 ENC coverage status

The ICCWG Chair provided an introductory overview on the evolution of the regional ENC coverage since the last MBSHC20 conference. UB1 and UB2 coverage is considered as complete. There are still gaps in coverage on the Southern shore of the Mediterranean Sea (Libya and South of Tunisia). For larger scale ENCs, some ports from NGA World Port Index (Pub150) are still not covered. For instance 5 "Medium" ports in GR, MA, RO and TN do not have a complete coverage (but actions are underway for most of them).

In regard to the Port priority list :

- **MBSHC20/17: MS to use the IHO online port database to update their port priority list and report to the Regional Charting Coordinator (RCC).**
- **MBSHC20/18: RCC to disseminate an updated version of the Port priority list.**

Updates were received from CY, DZ, ES, EG, FR, GB, GE, GR, HR, IT, RO and UA

*And the updated report was sent by the Coordinator to the members of ICCWG, IHO Secretariat and NGA. Furthermore, it is proposed to make **these actions permanent, with updates due from MS on a regular basis, at least before each MBSHC meeting.** Finally, the Chair pointed to the fact*

that new functionalities offered by INTToGISII could enable new and more interactive actions for updating this list.

ICC5-5 ENC overlaps risk assessment

- **MBSHC20/19: Concerned MSs (IT, GR, TR and HR) to liaise bilaterally to resolve ENC overlappings, keeping the MBSHC Chair informed.**

*The Chair noted with satisfaction that some overlapping issues were in the process of being resolved (agreements seem to have been found between IT/HR, IT/GR, and promising discussions are underway between IT/TR). But no information was given on possible actions taken by GR and TR to resolve the many overlaps affecting the region. **This action should be made permanent for all ENC producers.***

- **MBSHC20/21: RENCs to provide a template report in order to collect the evaluation of risk level on ENC overlaps from the MS in the frame of the WENDWG risk assessment experimentation.**

The latest version of the template (following WEND9) has been sent to all ICCWG members.

- **MBSHC20/22: MS to use the RENCs' template report to provide the RCC with:**
 - **evaluation of risk level on the most critical ENC overlaps based on the IC-ENC risk assessment regional database (level: MEDIUM);**
 - **their views and comments on the IC-ENC risk assessment methodology.**

*Returns were received from GB, GE, GR, IT, RO, SI and TR. Apart from those already cited above, overlapping issues are in the process of being resolved between GB/AL, some between RO/UA and discussions are underway between TR/GE. But the Region is still faced to numerous overlaps, in all usage bands (155 in IC-ENC June report, from Potential to Medium). There may exist differing views on the level of criticality of these overlaps, but it must be stressed again that IHO Resolution 1/2018 is clear about the fact that all overlaps must be eliminated if there is a risk to the safety of navigation, **whatever the level of that risk.***

*Overlapping issues have clearly been identified in the Region and the MS concerned are all well aware of these issues, in consequence the Chair said he considered that **"the clock has started" and the overlaps must be resolved within one year before escalating to the measures listed in the IHO Resolution 1/2018.***

ICC5-6 Region F ICCWG ToRs and RoPs

The ToRs and RoPs were revised in 2017 and approved during MBSHC20. Since then, no comments or proposals for revision have been received.

ICC5-7 Priorities for the ICCWG and the new coordinator

Before closing the meeting and handing over the duty to Italy, the Chair wanted to list several points that, in his view, should be the priorities of the new Coordinator and the ICCWG. With the question of the future of the paper chart being raised, and maybe especially the future of INT charts, it could be acceptable to freeze the current INT chart scheme as it is. The effort needed to constantly update this scheme could then be forwarded to the full implementation of the ENC scheme. In addition, in order to accompany the promotion of the S-100 series products, and beyond the sole ENCs, schemes for some of these S-1xx products could be worth setting up.

Marta Pratellesi then recommended that MBSHC should continue to foster dialogue between countries, acknowledging the fact that one of the challenges to be faced by the Coordinator will be to set priorities on topics to be addressed within the framework of this dialogue.

ICC5-8 Any other business / Closure of ICCWG-5 meeting

*The Chair noted that the documents concerning the ICCWG are currently collected on a restricted page of the MBSHC's web page, which limits the diffusion of information. It is proposed that **IHO Secretariat put the documents (CL, Correspondence, Presentations) on an open access page of the commission and to keep only the archived versions of old catalogues on the restricted access page.***

Without any new item proposed by the floor, the Chair then closed the meeting, wishing a fruitful chairmanship to Marta.

Note : *The actions proposed by ICCWG-5 can be found in the MBSHC21 list of actions.*