



8th NIOHC/Letter 3
dated 28th January 2008

Dear NIOHC colleagues,

8th NORTH INDIAN OCEAN HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION MEETING
PROVISIONAL AGENDA, NATIONAL REPORTS, S-55, AND 7th NIOHC ACTIONS

Provisional Agenda

As promised in 8th NIOHC/Letter 1, the initial draft of the Provisional Agenda for the forthcoming meeting is provided at Annex A. I should be grateful if you could send any comments or proposals for additional agenda items to Mrs Liz Dunn, International Relations Manager at United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, **by 28th February 2008**, by e-mail to elizabeth.dunn@ukho.gov.uk, or by fax to +44 1823 351945.

National Report

I should like to take this opportunity to remind you of the need to forward your National Report, in the standardized format, **by 31st March 2008** to Mrs Liz Dunn as above, I enclose the standardized format specified in IHO Technical Resolution T1.3 at Annex B. We will arrange to place these and other meeting documents on the IHO website as they become available.

S-55 – Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting Worldwide

S-55 is designed to present a clear picture of the world-wide coverage of surveys and nautical charts, and of effective organizations for the timely promulgation of navigational safety information, to be used as a policy-influencing and capacity building tool. It is important to remind ourselves of the importance of each member state's contribution to delivering this. The CBC regularly reviews the gaps in the S-55 database: some lie in the NIOHC region. I will contact relevant members directly on these. In June 2007, the CBC noted that only 37% of NIOHC region entries had been updated in the last twelve months, and 44% had not been updated since initial data entry. If S-55 is to fulfill its role, this is a simple task and we need to ensure regular updates are submitted to the IHB.

7th NIOHC Actions

I attach the actions list from the 7th NIOHC meeting report at Annex C to this letter and ask that you ensure that all actions assigned to you have been completed, so as to enable us to carry our work forward in the forthcoming meeting.

As I indicated in my closing remarks at 7th NIOHC, I look forward to the forthcoming meeting in India but if we are to get the most out of it then I hope that participants will come to the meeting with actions completed, well briefed and, if necessary, empowered to make decisions, to ensure informed and worthwhile discussion can take place in a timely manner. In particular, there must be absolute clarity about capacity building bids and this year we cannot defer the issue of election of NIOHC representation to the IHO Council. Before that, I look forward to receiving your comments on the Provisional Agenda and to reading your National Reports.

Yours sincerely,

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

No.	Agenda Topic, noting IHO Work Programme (WP) 2008 Tasks	Lead
	OPENING FORMALITIES	
1.	Opening Remarks by Chairman	Chair
2.	Opening Remarks by Hosts	India
3.	Opening Remarks by President IHB	President IHB
4.	Administrative Arrangements	India
	CONTEXT FOR 8th NIOHC BUSINESS	
5.	Adoption of the Agenda	Chair
6.	Review of Action List from 7 th NIOHC	Chair All Members
7.	NIOHC Statutes	Chair
	8th NIOHC BUSINESS	
8.	Report by NIOHC Chair, noting IHO WP Task 1.1.13	Chair
9.	Report by IHB	President IHB
10.	NIOHC Response to Disasters	Chair All Members
11.	Cooperation with IHO Member States, non-Member States, International Organizations and industry, noting IHO WP Tasks 1.1.20 and 1.3.6	Chair All Members
12.	National Reports (HO highlights, organization etc), noting IHO Work Programme Task 1.1.13	All Members
13.	Review of Status of Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting in North Indian Ocean Region – IHO Special Publication S-55, noting IHO WP Task 2.2.2	Chair All Members
14.	Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings and MSI within NAVAREA VIII area; implementation of GMDSS, noting IHO WP Task 3.4.1	Chair India

No.	Agenda Topic, noting IHO Work Programme (WP) 2008 Tasks	Lead
15.	Progress on Implementation of the INT Chart Scheme, noting IHO WP Task 3.3.5	India (INT Chart Coordinator)
16.	ENC Issues, noting IHO WP Tasks 1.1.17, 1.1.18, 1.1.19 and 3.3.4 a. Update on identification of key shipping routes and ports within region b. ENC scheme and time-scale for production c. Identification of producer nations d. Assistance with ENC production e. ENC distribution (including RENCs) f. Inconsistent Allocation of Navigation Purpose codes to small-scale ENCs. IHB paper Present status of small-scale ENC coverage with respect to the allocation of cells to usage bands 1 (Overview) and 2 (General)	Chair All Members
17.	Capacity Building, noting IHO WP Tasks 2.1.5, 2.1.6, 2.2.1, 2.2.3, 2.3.2 and 2.3.5 a. Outcomes from 5 th CBC, June 2007 b. Report on Phase 1 Technical Workshop, Jeddah, November 2007 c. Submissions to 6 th CBC, June 2008 d. World Hydrography Day, noting IHO Work Programme Tasks 2.3.1, 4.2.2 and 4.2.4	Chair All Members
18.	IHO Strategic Plan Working Group Matters, noting IHO WP Tasks 5.1.1 and 5.1.3 a. Procedures for Selection of Members to the Council b. Progress of Approval of the Amendments to the IHO Convention by Member States	Chair India
19.	Progress on Marine SDI Development and Land-Sea Data Integration	UK
20.	Any Other Business	Chair All Members
21.	Review of 8th NIOHC Actions	Chair All Members
NEXT MEETING		
22.	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	Chair All Members
23.	Venue and Date of Next Meeting	Chair All Members
CLOSING FORMALITIES		
24.	Closing Remarks	Chair

Structure for National Reports to Regional Hydrographic Commissions
IHO Technical Resolution T1.3, paragraph 8 (IHO CL 25/2006 refers)

Executive summary

1. Hydrographic Office / Service: General, including updates for the IHO Yearbook e.g. reorganization
2. Surveys: Coverage of new surveys.
New technologies and /or equipment
New ships
Problems encountered
3. New charts & updates: ENC
ENC Distribution method
RNC
INT charts
National paper charts
Other charts, e.g. for pleasure craft
Problems encountered
4. New publications & updates: New Publications
Updated publications
Means of delivery, e.g. paper, digital
Problems encountered
5. MSI Existing infrastructure for transmission
New infrastructure in accordance with GMDSS Master Plan
Problems encountered
6. S-55 Latest update (Tables)
7. Capacity Building Offer of and/or demand for Capacity Building
Training received, needed, offered
Status of national, bilateral, multilateral or regional development projects with hydrographic component. (In progress, planned, under evaluation or study)
Definition of bids to IHOCBC
8. Oceanographic activities General
GEBCO/IBC's activities
Tide gauge network
New equipment
Problems encountered
9. Other activities Participation in IHO Working Groups
Meteorological data collection
Geospatial studies
Disaster prevention
Environmental protection
Astronomical observations
Magnetic/Gravity surveys
International
Etc.
10. Conclusions

ACTIONS FROM THE 7th NIOHC – STATUS January 2008

AGENDA/ ACTION NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM AND ACTION	ACTION BY:	DEADLINE	STATUS
6	REVIEW STATUTES OF THE COMMISSION			
6.1	Statutes to be amended to reflect the meeting's decision to permit Associate Members to host NIOHC meetings	NIOHC Secretary	28 Feb 07	Complete
6.2	IHB to circulate revised Statutes for signing by MS	IHB/MS	15 Mar 07	Circulation of Statutes complete. IHB to report on signature status
7	REPORT BY THE IHB			
7.1	MS urged to respond to CL07-2007 dated 19 Jan 07	MS	15 Apr 07	NIOHC response rate was 64%
8	UPDATE ON TSUNAMI AFFECTED AREAS – ANY ASSISTANCE STILL REQUIRED			
8.1	All MS to confirm to Chairman that they have plans in place to respond to any future emergencies in accordance with IHO CL89/2005	MS	31 Mar 07	MS to ensure Chairman has up-to-date information
8.2	Within the next 6mths Chair to request confirmation that points of contact in event of emergencies remain able to provide information required by IHO CL89/2005 within 72hrs of the request being made	NIOHC Chairman	31 Jul 07	MS to ensure Chairman has up-to-date information
9	NATIONAL REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS			
9.1	To prepare information pack for new IHO Members regarding what is expected of Member States and the role of related organisations	IHB	31 Jul 07	IHB to report on action status
10	REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING, NAUTICAL CHARTING AND MSI/GMDSS IN THE NORTH INDIAN OCEAN REGION (IHO Special Publication S-55 and inputs and updates from NIOHC countries)			
10.1	To update S55 database at least on an annual basis	MS	31 Dec 07	MS/IHB to report on action status

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11	PROMULGATION OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS WITHIN NAVAREA VIII AREA, MSI IN NAVAREA VIII AREA AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GMDSS			
11.1	MS to make contact with their country's representative responsible for implementation of GMDSS to confirm effective coverage and communication with NAVAREA coordinator	All MS	31 Apr 07	MS to report on action status
11.2	To investigate progress on the setting up of a NAVTEX stations in the Andaman Islands (Port Blair), Sri Lanka and Kenya (Mombasa)	India	31 Mar 07	India to report on action status
12	REPORT BY INT CHART CO-ORDINATOR – PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INT CHART SCHEME			
12.1	MS to provide details to India on the progress of their INT Chart production	All MS	31 Mar 07	MS/India to report on action status
12.2	India to produce a status report regarding INT Chart production in area J	India	30 Apr 07	India to report on action status
12.3	UK to provide advice re assistance to Bangladesh in the production of their INT charts	UK	31 Mar 07	In hand
13a	ENC ISSUES a. UPDATE ON KEY ROUTES AND PORTS			
13a.1	UK to supply copies to MS of ENC scheme, key routes and main ports diagrams	UK	31 Mar 07	Complete
13d	ENC ISSUES d. ASSISTANCE WITH ENC PRODUCTION			
13d.1	UK to provide IHB with draft proposal in respect of ENC awareness training to be included in Cat A & Cat B syllabus	UK	31 Mar 07	Complete
13d.2	MS to communicate with their maritime authorities to provide guidance to mariners as to what constitutes an official ENC and carriage compliance as laid down in SOLAS V, WEND and also using the mariners guide provided jointly by IC ENC and PRIMAR-STAVANGAR	All MS	31 Mar 07	MS to report on action status
14	CAPACITY BUILDING INPUT TO AND REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM IHOCBC			
14.1	Pakistan to confirm lead role in Regional Survey Team prototype operation	Pakistan	16 Mar 07	Complete
14.2	India to confirm 8 Category A hydrography and 9 Category B hydrography places available in 2008	India	16 Mar 07	India to report on action status

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14.3	MS to report availability of lecturers for in-region MBES Course, and any costs e.g. travel and subsistence	MS	16 Mar 07	Complete
14.4	NIOHC bids to be forwarded to Chairman CBC	NIOHC Chairman	01 Apr 07	Complete
15	SPWG MATTERS, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL			
15.1	MS to write to the Chairman, after considering the criteria and consulting with any appropriate MS government organisations, to register interest and be considered for one of two places representing the NIOHC region on the IHO council	MS/NIOHC Chairman	01 May 07	To be completed at 8 th NIOHC
16	WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY			
16.1	MS to contact IHB via letter, with ideas and information about their plans to celebrate World Hydrography Day.	MS	31 Mar 07	Complete
16.2	IHB to co-ordinate the receipt of information from NIOHC MS and to promote any activities.	IHB	31 Mar 07	Complete
16.3	IHB to issue CL seeking information on national survey ship activity on World Hydrography Day.	IHB	31 Mar 07	Complete
17	ANY OTHER BUSINESS			
17.1	Presentation to be given by France, Germany and UK to update the NIOHC on developments on SDI developments in Europe.	France, Germany, UK (lead)	8 th NIOHC	To be completed at 8 th NIOHC (in accordance with defined deadline)
19	NEXT MEETING – VENUE & DATE			
19.1	UK/India to discuss date of next meeting and advise MS.	India, UK	31 July 07	Complete