

**LIST OF DECISIONS FROM IHO A-1**

**Relating to USCHC and its Member States**

**(as of 17 March 2018)**

<b>DECISION No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>USCHC Comments/ Implications</b>
3	PRO-4: The Assembly tasked the Council to conduct a comprehensive review of the Strategic Plan and to provide a draft revised Plan, as appropriate, in time for the consideration of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> ordinary session of the Assembly (A-2). The Council is empowered to establish a working group for this discrete purpose.	USCHC MSs are both participating in this Strategic Plan Review Working Group
10	The Assembly urged Member States to ensure consistency between their paper and digital charts and publications through the provision of the appropriate updates.	This is an important consideration as USCHC MSs re-define service delivery priorities e.g. ENC first.
18	PRO-5 (submitted by CA FR, US): The Assembly tasked the IRCC to encourage the Regional Hydrographic Commissions to consider using satellite derived bathymetry and risk assessment methodologies in uncharted or poorly charted areas in their respective regions as a way of developing survey priority areas as part of attracting donor funding.	<b>USCHC MSs are active in the development and use of SDB and will host a Hydrographic Remote Sensing (HRS) Workshop in 2018 (see USCHC41-10B)</b>
19	PRO-3: The Assembly tasked the IRCC to review and redraft IHO Resolution 1/2005 – <i>IHO Response to Disasters</i> , as amended taking into consideration PRO-3 and related comments and submit a draft revision to the Council. The proposal stated, in part, ‘The Chair of the Regional Hydrographic Commission will be responsible for co-ordinating the actions needed within the Region. In order to achieve this, the RHC should develop a ‘disaster’ action plan, aimed at supporting States in the area to assess the hydrographic damage, provide support and co-ordinate actions and efforts including capacity building, monitoring disaster risks, and research and development to enhance disaster management’ .	Does USCHC have (or need) a Disaster Response Plan?

21	<p>PRO-11: The Assembly endorsed the following IHO Resolution:</p> <p><b>Improving the Availability of Bathymetric Data Worldwide</b></p> <p>1. Member States <b>resolve</b> that, in addition to fulfilling their international obligations to provide hydrographic information in support of safety of navigation, they should also consider implementing mechanisms that encourage the widest possible availability of all hydrographic and particularly bathymetric data, so as to support the sustainable development, management and governance of the marine environment. This may be achieved in several ways, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. active participation in and contribution to the marine element of national Spatial Data Infrastructures (MSDI);</li> <li>b. continued support for the IHO-IOC GEBCO project and the IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry;</li> <li>c. encouraging the scientific and the commercial sector to identify and wherever possible make available for secondary use, data collected or being collected for a specific scientific or commercial purpose;</li> <li>d. supporting systems and infrastructures, such as MSDI and the IHO DCDB, that facilitate data discovery, thereby avoiding unnecessary duplication in bathymetric data collection;</li> <li>e. encouraging supplementary methods for collecting bathymetric data, including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Crowd-Sourced Bathymetry,</li> <li>(2) Satellite Derived Bathymetry,</li> <li>(3) The use of autonomous vehicles for the collection of environmental data including bathymetry.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Can be discussed under USCHC41-5Dii</p>
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22	<p>PRO-7 (Submitted by USA): The Assembly endorsed the Proposal and:</p> <p>a) noted the Statement of Shared Guiding Principles for Geospatial Information Management and tasked the IRCC and its subsidiary bodies, to identify and recommend whatever actions may be required to incorporate the Principles in their work programmes.</p> <p>b) encouraged Member States to incorporate the Statement of Shared Guiding Principles for Geospatial Information Management into institutional frameworks and to liaise with their national representatives in the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) to help ensure that ocean and coastal geospatial data is considered as an integral part of national Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) initiatives.</p> <p>c) supported the continued engagement of the Secretariat of the IHO with the UN-GGIM.</p> <p>d) encouraged Member States and RHCs to engage with the UN-GGIM and its regional entities to raise awareness of the marine domain, any of its unique needs, and the value of the domain within any geospatial information management effort.</p>	<p><b>USCHC MSs are active on the UN working group</b></p>
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