

**i) GEBCO GC Report**

*Doc.: IRCC9-07I IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC Chair)*

GEBCO Guiding Committee (GGC) Chair introduced the report and informed the meeting on the outcomes of the Forum for Future Ocean Floor Mapping held in Monaco in June 2016 and the target to map the ocean floor by 2030. He also reported the progress in the bathymetric datasets for the world's oceans, including the new ENC bathymetric soundings provided by the IHO Member States and the improved GEBCO's regional mapping work. He highlighted that GEBCO has traditionally focused in areas deeper than 200m but it is now actively collecting data in shallower water areas to support coastal activities such as coastal zone management and the mitigation of seaborne disasters such as storm surges and tsunami inundation.

He also informed the meeting on the developments in the Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names, the work of an external contractor for reviewing and editing over 3 000 undersea feature names (UFN), the priority for production of an S-100 Product Specification for UFN data. He reported the good level of attendance of GGC meeting by observers and the efforts made by the GGC to ensure participation of GEBCO representatives in all RHC meetings.

The Committee was informed that the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) has become more engaged in GEBCO activities. He also requested IRCC to endorse the withdrawal of the outdated IHO Publication B-7 *GEBCO Guidelines*.

**Decision 36: to endorse the withdrawal of IHO Publication B-7 GEBCO Guidelines.**

**Action 28: IRCC Chair and IHO Secretariat to submit a recommendation to the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the IHO Council to withdraw the IHO Publication B-7 *GEBCO Guidelines* (deadline: in time for C-1).**

**Action 29: RHC Chairs to encourage Member States to organize contribution of bathymetric data in shallower coastal areas to GEBCO in order to support the production of higher resolution gridded data products and report back to IRCC (deadline: IRCC10).**