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**and SAIHC Chair**



**SAIHC Letter No. 6/2018**

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**To:** Members and Associate Members of the IHO Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

**Subject:** **IRCC-10 Action 2 - RHC Chairs to submit draft IHO Resolution 2/1997 to RHC Members for comments**

Dear fellow SAIHC members,

Following discussions on the draft IHO Resolution 2/1997 (Establishment of Regional Hydrographic Commissions) at the 2nd IHO Council meeting, in London last week, I would like to better understand the views and observations of SAIHC MS on this topic. You will remember that we discussed this as an agenda item at our recent meeting in the Seychelles where the majority opinion was not to change but I would welcome your thoughts and confirmation of the direction you would like the Commission to take regarding the proposed amendment.

I would therefore very much appreciate if you could provide your views and observations on the attached IRCC10 draft IHO Resolution 2/1997 (IRCC10 Report Annex C - Doc: IRCC10-6.2C), which outlines the 'establishment of Regional Hydrographic Commissions'.

For more information on this matter please see the link to the IRCC10 documents. Items of interest may include, the IRCC10 Report, the original paper submitted by Brazil, Canada, USA and IHO Secretariat (IRCC10-06.2), a response paper submitted by UK (IRCC10-06.2A) and the paper submitted and endorsed by C-2 (IRCC10-06.2B):

[https://www.iho.int/mtg\\_docs/com\\_wg/IRCC/IRCC10/IRCC10\\_Docs.htm](https://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/IRCC/IRCC10/IRCC10_Docs.htm)

Please send your comments to [Nigel.Sutton@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:Nigel.Sutton@ukho.gov.uk) before 15 November, if possible. We will then coordinate your comments and observations to the Chair of IRCC.

Comments from RHCs on this topic will be fully discussed at the next IRCC meeting in June 2019 and at the 3rd Council meeting in October 2019.

Kind regards

Rear Admiral Tim Lowe

SAIHC Chair

**Attachment** IRCC10 draft IHO Resolution 2/1997 - IRCC10 Report Annex C - Doc: IRCC10-6.2C

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