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Monaco, 8th January 2003.

To all Members of the IHO Hydrographic Committee on Antarctica.

Dear Hydrographer,

On October 8th 2002 I wrote to you in relation to several pending topics related to the work of the Committee, one of them being the identification of the date of the 3rd HCA Meeting.

The DC would like to thank those members of the HCA who provided replies and comments, as well as contributions to develop an agenda for the 3rd Meeting. All this information has been very useful in trying to find the best suitable definition of the date.

Taking into account that previously it has been agreed to have the SPWG and WEND meetings in Peru, in May 2003, consideration was given to have the HCA meeting before or after these two meetings, but due to several reasons it was concluded not to proceed in that way. Therefore, the DC has considered that the meeting should take place - as several members have indicated -, in September at the IHB in Monaco. In trying to be more precise, the DC has identified the dates 8, 9 and 10 of September, as the most convenient.

A Draft Agenda is being provided at this time for your consideration, as Annex "A".

The DC would appreciate your comments, additions and/or deletions to the Draft Agenda. Also confirmation on your potential attendance is welcome, in order to proceed with the local arrangements. The IHB kindly invites you to provide this information **no later than the 10th of April 2003.**

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Captain Hugo M. Gorziglia
IHB Director and Acting Chairman of HCA

Annex "A" : Draft Agenda of the 3rd HCA Meeting.

Annex "B": Distribution List.

NOTE: This letter & annexes are being sent by e-mail only.

DRAFT AGENDA
3rd HCA Meeting
Monaco, 8 – 10 September 2003

- 1.- Opening Remarks.
- 2.- Approval of the Agenda
- 3.- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
- 4.- Review of actions from the previous meeting
- 5.- Review Statutes of the Committee and pending signatures.
- 6.- HCA Activities in the light of the IHO Work Program
 - 6.1 Objective 1.1.1 Implementation of the INT chart scheme: progress since last meeting and any resultant modifications to the scheme.
 - 6.2 Objective 1.1.2 Bilateral and Regional cooperation agreements.
(Cooperative work, training and education and exchange of hydrographic information)
 - 6.3 Objective 1.2.1 Interaction with IOC.
 - 6.3.1 GEBCO Project (SCUFN and SCDB Sub-Committees)
 - 6.3.2 New IOC IBCAO Project.
 - 6.4 Objective 2.1.1 Hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, nautical publications and information status.
 - 6.4.1 Presentation of National Reports on recent activities and future plans.
 - 6.4.2 New techniques and equipment in hydrography and oceanography
 - 6.4.3 Charting Issues: source data, use of satellite imagery, etc
 - 6.4.4 Significant new navigational activities.
 - 6.5 Task 3.1.1 Review Publications S-59 and M-11
 - 6.6 Task 3.1.2 Progress in national ENC production, training, testing and distribution
- 7.- Relevant International Organizations Report.
 - 7.1 SCAR Report, including WGGI and ADGI
 - 7.2 COMNAP Report
 - 7.3 IMO activity Report (Antarctic Shipping Code)
 - 7.4 ATCM activity report
 - 7.5 IAATO report
- 8.- Any other business.
- 9.- Time and Place of next Meeting
- 10.- Closing Remarks

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Invited Observers:

- ATCM Representative
- COMNAP Representative
- GEBCO SCDB Chairman
- GEBCO SCUFN Chairman
- IAATO Representative
- IBCSO Chairman
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