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**HCA Letter No. 2/2004**

**To:** Members and Observers of the IHO Hydrographic Committee on Antarctica (HCA) (*see list in **Annex A***)<sup>1</sup>

**Subject:** 4th HCA Meeting, Kythnos, Cyclades, Greece, 6-8 September 2004

Dear Sir or Madam,

As announced earlier by e-mail, the 4<sup>th</sup> HCA meeting will take place in Kythnos Island, in the Cyclades, Greece, on 6-8 September 2004. Practical details on hotel reservations and on how to get to the meeting place from Athens / Piraeus should soon be received from the host (Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service) and they will be communicated to HCA members at the earliest opportunity.

A provisional agenda for the meeting has been prepared at the IHB and is enclosed in **Annex B**. You are kindly requested to review this draft and to provide your comments / suggestions for changes **before 30 June 2004**. A revised agenda will then be prepared, as well as an annotated agenda giving a brief explanation for each item; their sending to HCA members will be the subject of a further HCA Letter.

The table given in **Annex C** summarizes all actions resulting from the 3rd HCA meeting and provides indication on their current status. Whereas the IHB will endeavour to complete its remaining actions before the 4th meeting, those concerned with other actions are requested to act on them as necessary and be prepared to report at the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> This letter is sent by e-mail only. However, paper copies will be mailed on request to the IHB ([info@ihb.mc](mailto:info@ihb.mc))

Thank you for your attention.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Gorziglia', is positioned above the printed name.

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IHB Director and Chairman of HCA

Enclosures: Annex A - HCA Membership and Observers List  
Annex B - Provisional Agenda  
Annex C - Actions from HCA/3

**Annex A to HCA Letter 2/2004**

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(May 2004)

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## **Annex B to HCA Letter 2/2004**

### **IHO HYDROGRAPHIC COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTICA (HCA) 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Greece, 6 – 8 September 2004**

#### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

- 1.- Opening.
- 2.- HCA Membership Status.
- 3.- Approval of the Agenda.
- 4.- Election of Vice-Chairman.
- 5.- Status of List of Actions resulting from the 3<sup>rd</sup> HCA Meeting.
- 6.- Relevant International Organizations' Report.
  - 6.1 ATCM
  - 6.2 COMNAP
  - 6.3 IMO
  - 6.4 IAATO
  - 6.5 SCAR
- 7.- HCA Activities in the light of the IHO Work Program:
  - 7.1 INT chart scheme: progress made since last meeting; actual Charting status (S-55); ENC production status; new requirements and modifications proposed to the scheme (M-11).
  - 7.2 Bilateral and Regional cooperation agreements, projects and capacity building initiatives in progress.
  - 7.3 Interaction with IOC:
    - The IOC/IHO GEBCO Project
    - The IBCSO Project.
  - 7.4 Hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, nautical publications and information status.
    - Presentation of National Reports. Experiences with new techniques and equipment. Project proposals to speed-up compilation and production.
    - Hydrographic Survey status (S-55)
    - Development of an HCA Hydrographic Survey Plan. Priorities, Coordination and Program.
  - 7.5 Nautical Publications and Information. IHO/HCA web page.
- 8.- Any other business.
- 9.- Time and Place of next Meeting
- 10.- Closure

**Annex C to HCA Letter 2/2004**

**ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE 3rd HCA MEETING**

<b>№ o.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	3	<b>IHB</b> to forward to South Africa the comments on the use of satellite imagery for INT 9056, which have been received from CSPCWG.	IHB	Completed.
2	3	Noting the difficulties of placing and maintaining structures in Antarctica, <b>IHB</b> to consult SCAR, COMNAP and IAATO to obtain views of ship operators on priorities for terrestrial aids to navigation.	IHB	Done, responses awaited.
3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HCA Members</b> to provide IHB with a list of their publications on Antarctic waters, with a brief résumé of their contents.</li> <li>• <b>IHB</b> to then maintain a register of these publications on the HCA page of the IHO Website.</li> </ul>	HCA Members IHB	Only UK has provided this info. TBD
4	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IHB</b> to contact SCAR, asking for confirmation of the SCAR's need for tidal data and details on the requested data.</li> <li>• <b>IHB</b> to then monitor this issue and, possibly, ask HCA Members to forward tidal data to SCAR.</li> </ul>	IHB IHB	Done, response awaited. TBD
5	3	Noting IAATO concern over the entry of new ship operators into Antarctica, with no experience of navigational conditions, and sometimes with inadequate equipment, <b>HCA Members</b> to maintain communication with IAATO and COMNAP to assist to encourage best practice.	HCA Members	HCA Members to report to HCA/4
6	3	<b>IHB</b> to include in the HCA page of the IHO website links to other websites giving information on activities in Antarctica.	IHB	Completed.
7	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IHB</b> to circulate the revised Statutes, requesting signatures by appropriate authorities.</li> <li>• <b>IHB</b> to then keep the original copy of the Statutes.</li> </ul>	IHB IHB	Done. Done.
8	6.1	Noting that INT Charts 9112 (UK producer) and 9121 (Spain producer), both include a plan of Half Moon Island – “Isla de la Media Luna”, in Spanish – at 1:25,000, which is against the INT Chart concept, the <b>IHB</b> to invite <b>UKHO</b> and <b>IHM</b> to liaise to resolve the duplication issue, further noting that, as INT 9121 was been published in 1998 and that INT 9112 is planned for the future, dropping this plan from INT 9112 could be an option to solve the problem.	IHB, UKHO and IHM	Completed, plan will be dropped from INT 9112.
9	6.2	<b>IHB</b> to liaise with IAATO to possibly find a mechanism for hydrographic surveyors to be carried in IAATO ships of opportunity to conduct hydrographic activities in Antarctica.	IHB	Done / in progress

