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- Subject: FINAL MINUTES AND LIST OF ACTIONS & DECISIONS OF THE MBSHC CONFERENCE
- References:
- a. Region F ICCWG Terms of Reference.
 - b. Region F ICCWG Circular Letter No. 01/2019.
 - c. Assembly Circular Letter no. 01/2019
- Annex;
1. Final version of the Minutes of the MBSHC Conference.
 2. Final version of the List of Actions & Decisions.

Dear colleagues,

This MBSHC CHAIR has incorporated into the MBSHC 19 Minutes proposed amendments submitted by Member States involving editorial changes or correcting errors substantiated by the audio recordings of the proceedings.

However, there is also the issue regarding objections by GREECE and TURKEY to draft Decision MBSHC21/03, as follows:

MBSHC approved the recommendations of the Region F ICC Coordinator and agreed to incorporate the objection of Turkey on the medium scale INY Scheme of the Aegean Sea (see report of Region F ICC Coordinator to MBSHC in Annex).

After careful consideration of the procedures followed, this CHAIR has determined that the aforementioned Decision should not have been sustained BECAUSE ITEM 3.7 in the Region F ICCWG TORs state that:

A chart proposal encompassing the coasts of other coastal States than the submitting State or impacting the existing scheme of other coastal States shall not be submitted unless it has beforehand been endorsed by the concerned coastal States.

The proposal submitted by GREECE to the ICC Coordinator and circulated by the latter as reference b) above had not been endorsed beforehand by the concerned coastal States, i.e. TURKEY. Consequently, this proposal should be revised to comply with the aforementioned requirement.

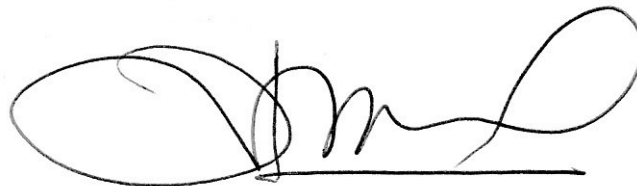
All coastal States impacted by this proposal should endeavor to achieved full endorsement to submit a revised version to the Region F ICC Coordinator. This new version should be discussed during the next Region F ICCWG meeting, scheduled for 2021 concurrent with the next MBSHC Conference in Slovenia.

Initial terms of this new proposal may be discussed in a side meeting regarding related MBSHC matters between the relevant parties during the forthcoming General Assembly, as per item 6 reference c. Therefore, I hereby request that any Member States interested in such a meeting please inform this Chair **no later than 20th February**.

Consequently, and in consensus the ICC Coordinator, Decision No. MBSHC21/03 should be amended as follows:

MBSHC approved the recommendations of the Region F ICC Coordinator except for the proposal to update the INT Scheme of the Aegean Sea, to be revised and submitted again to the next Region F ICCWG meeting (see report of Region F ICC Coordinator to MBSHC in Annex).

Looking forward to meeting you again in the forthcoming IHO Assembly, I send you my best regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by 'D', 'G', 'A', and 'L' in a cursive script. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Director of Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina
MBSHC Chairman
Captain José Daniel González-Aller Lacalle

To: MBSHC Members, Associated Members, Observers and IHO Representatives.