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Dear Colleagues,

1. As chairman of the MBSHC, I am pleased to announce that the final version of the report of the MBSHC-20 conference is now available on line on the MBSHC-20 webpage of the IHO website.

I would like to thank all participants for the fruitful discussions during the conference and in particular those that provided me with useful inputs for drafting the report.

2. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize how important this commission is within the Hydrographic Community and to stress that all Member States are requested to respect the agreed deadline in order to progress on each agenda item.
3. Moreover, I would like to draw your attention on some topics which are of particular interest for the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) and, more in general, the IHO:
  - a. Overlapping – To put all possible effort in liaising bilaterally to resolve ENC overlaps and to assess the level of risk associated with existing most critical ENC overlaps based on the IC-ENC risk assessment regional database (Level: MEDIUM);
  - b. Capacity Building/MSI Instructors – To contribute in any possible way to the IHO Capacity Building initiatives and to follow all related procedures in order to get benefits and advantages;
  - c. CATZOC (Category of Zone of Confidence) – To review the current ENC production processes in order to encode meaningful values of CATZOC for ENCs in accordance with the IHO guidance;
  - d. MSDI/UN-GGIM:MGIWG – To have a wider involvement in all marine activities, connecting hydrographic data to information and knowledge related to environment, scientific research, economic development and blue growth and not only safety of navigation.
  - e. IHO Information Management System – To contribute to the new IHO data-centric approach by keeping national information up-to-date and by following all procedures associated with the IHO GIS (i.e., C-55, INTogIS, ECDIS back-up arrangements, online port database, etc.).
4. It will be my responsibility to present the results achieved by the MBSHC community at the next IRCC meeting and to report back to you about new priorities.

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