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To: Members, Associate Members, and Observers of the IHO North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC)

Subject: 20th NIOHC Meeting Dates, Agenda Input and National Report

Reference: NIOHC Letter No. 6/2020 Dated 10th April 2020

Dear NIOHC Colleagues,

I wish to bring to your kind attention the referred letter above, in which the NIOHC - 20 meeting had to be postponed due to prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation. However, if received concurrence of all Members and Associate Members of NIOHC, I am pleased to inform that Sri Lanka is ready in all respect to host the NIOHC - 20 meeting in 2021.

20th NIOHC Meeting Dates

The preliminary program proposed for consideration is as follows:

- The NIOHC plenary meeting, from 13th to 15th July 2021.
- The meeting will be preceded by the NIOHC Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography, and the NIOHC INT Chart Coordination Working Group (NICCWG) on the 12th July 2021.

A formal notification/invitation in this regard will be issued along with the logistics information, registration form, draft agenda, and status of actions in due course.

Agenda Input

Please forward your agenda items to the Chair not later than 13th March 2021. I would appreciate if you could send your agenda items by email to: chiefhydrographer@navy.lk and to the NIOHC Secretariat at sectoch@gmail.com.

National Report

All NIOHC Members and Associate Members are kindly requested to submit your national reports, even if unable to attend NIOHC; which in turn will help understand the status quo of hydrographic affairs in the region. Further, it is noted that the national reports to be submitted prior commencement of the NIOHC 2020 conference please.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all in warm sunny Colombo and having fruitful engagement during NIOHC - 20.

Yours sincerely,



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