

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY NIOHC VTC MEETING HELD

ON 10TH DECEMBER 2020

1. An extraordinary meeting of NIOHC was called by NIOHC Chair on VTC in order to address holding of NIOHC-20 meeting in 2021 under incumbent Chairmanship and also to appraise MS of other ongoing important activities in the region on 10th December 2020 from 1500hrs to 1600hrs (IST) over Zoom platform.
2. In his opening remarks the Chair thanked all participants who joined the VTC representing MS of NIOHC and explained his intention to conduct this extraordinary NIOHC meeting over VTC as per the agenda circulated beforehand.
3. The tabulated 'Minutes'/'Action points', as mutually agreed upon among the MS are placed at as Annex A to this document.
4. Egypt was absent from the VTC meeting and list of all participants representing their MS are placed at Annex B to this document.

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Annex 'A'
(Refers to Para 3)

TABULATED MINUTES AND ACTION POINTS

Item No.	Description	Discussion	Decision/Action
01	Welcome remarks by Chair.		
02	Proposal for fixing of dates for NIOHC 20 meeting in Colombo in 3 rd Quarter 2021.	<p>Chair proposed to hold NIOHC-20 meeting by Sri Lanka from 13th -15th July 2021 in Colombo.</p> <p>All MS endorsed the proposal subject to approval from the IHO.</p>	<p>Submit proposal to IHO for approval. Chair</p> <p>MS will be issued with invitations to follow through protocol formalities. Chair</p>
03	An update by the NIOHC Statutes WG.	<p>Interim Chair of the Statutes WG presented latest update to the NIOHC Statutes, which the SWG has undertaken in accordance with the given TOR.</p> <p>India stated sufficient time to be given for MS to appraise findings and provide feedback.</p>	<p>Interim Chair – SWG</p> <p>MS to study & indicate feedback.</p>
04	Overview on NIOHC CB activity plan for year 2021 and review of three year CB Work Plan for NIOHC.	<p>CB Coordinator presented an overview of CBSC 18 and CB activities planned for 2021 for the NIOHC.</p> <p>Pakistan requested for PPT on CB plan. CB coordinator agreed to provide.</p> <p>India suggested that CB activities can be enhanced through VTC and indicated willingness to support NIOHC CB activities.</p>	CB coordinator

		<p>Bangladesh inquired any actions w.r.t CB of MS on transition from S-57 to S-100 initiated by NIOHC CB Coordinator. CB coordinator explained current CB initiatives on S- 100.</p> <p>India pointed out that phase 2-3 CB activities on S-100 for NIOHC MS to be obtained through IHO CB fund.</p>	
05	Nomination of NIOHC Coordinator for IHO CSBWG and Seabed 2030.	<p>Chair invited for a volunteer to act as NIOHC coordinator for IHO CSBWG & Seabed 2030.</p> <p>India indicated willingness to act as NIOHC coordinator for IHO CSBWG & Seabed 2030 owing to the fact that the data repository that India has in the North Indian region.</p> <p>No other MS put forward their nominations.</p>	<p>India to submit the nomination to NIOHC Chair.</p> <p>India Chair</p>
06	Any Other Matters.	<p>a. Chair briefed the recent request submitted by the Republic of Mauritius seeking for full membership of NIOHC and opened the floor for comments/suggestions.</p> <p>Myanmar & Bangladesh consented to accept Mauritius as full member and stated that both countries already communicated in this respect to the Chair.</p> <p>UK (UKHO) stated that they referred this issue to the Foreign Commonwealth and</p>	<p>a. Matter to be discussed at NIOHC-20.</p> <p>Chair</p>

		<p>Development Office (FCDO), who provided the following. UK welcomes Mauritius involvement as an Associate Member and not as a full member. To the extent that Mauritius' purported eligibility for full membership of NIOHC relies on its claim that the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) (also referred to as the Chagos Archipelago) forms part of its territory, the UK cannot endorse its application.</p> <p>All other MS requested to discuss the matter at NIOHC-20 meeting as it required to go through official formalities.</p> <p>b. Chair proposed to conduct VTC training modules among MS on relevant subject matter of interest to all MS on monthly basis from January 2021 to keep MS interact and learn from each other. MS agreed with the proposal.</p> <p>India agreed to support through its National Institute of Hydrography as it conducts various training modules of interest.</p>	
07	Concluding remarks by Chair.		b. Chair to initiate proposal for training modules.

Annex 'B'
(Refers to Para 4)

<u>List of Participants</u>		
NO	COUNTRY	PARTICIPANT
1	Bangladesh	Cmde Sheikh Mahmudul Hassan
2	India	i. VAdm Vinay Badhwar ii. Cmde Peush Pawsey iii. Capt Kuldeep Singh
3	Indonesia	RAdm Agung Prasetiawan
4	Myanmar	Capt YE Lwin
5	Pakistan	Cmde Muhammad Khalid
6	Saudi Arabia	Mr. Saud Al Otaibi
7	Sri Lanka	i. RAdm YN Jayarathna ii. Capt GSD Weerasuriya iii. Cdr PAPS Perera
8	Thailand	i. RAdm Komsan Klinsukon ii. Capt Rittidate Katetong iii. Cdr Aree Wanlabe
9	United Kingdom	i. RAdm Rhett Hatcher ii. Mr. Tim Lewis iii. Ms. Lucy Fieldhouse
<u>Absent</u>		
10	Egypt	