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13.3.1 – Submission to IMO NCSR4 on the activation of the IMO-IHO Harmonization Group on Data Modelling

Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

IHO, with inputs from Australia, CIRM, IALA and IMO prepared a submission to NCSR 4 on the activation of the IMO/IHO Harmonization Group on Data Modelling (HGDM). The inputs received were compiled and commented and then submitted to the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) that met in Monaco during the second half of November. Version V3 of the draft submission reflecting the inputs received was annexed to the paper.

The HSSC endorsed the draft, taking into account the additional advice provided by the IMO representative at the meeting. The resulting revised draft was circulated again for further consideration with Wednesday 30 November as a deadline for comments.

2. IALA RELATED ACTION

In parallel to the last circulation made by IHO IALA invited its Council to support co-sponsorship of the submission by the same deadline, with silence being taken as consent according to the usual procedure. The Council's attention was drawn to the fact that the version of the document attached to the request for support may not be the final one.

Two Councillors responded favourably. No proposals for changes, comments or oppositions were received.

3. FINAL SUBMISSION TO NCSR4

The final version of the document submitted to NCSR4 is at input paper C63-13.3.1.1.

The submission was forwarded to IMO by IHO on 1st December and is co-sponsored by Brazil, South Africa and IHMA.

4. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

Record the early approval of co-sponsorship of the proposal to activate the IMO-IHO Harmonization Group on Data Modelling (HGDM).

Note the final version of the document submitted.