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

Subject: Chair of NIOHC, 17th Meeting Dates and Agenda Input

Dear NIOHC Colleagues,

Chair Handover

Egypt has taken over the chair of NIOHC from Rear Admiral Mohammad Makbul Hossain of Bangladesh, as discussed at the 16th NIOHC meeting in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

I would like to thank you all, on taking over as chairman of the NIOHC, for providing this opportunity which I hope we could all get the at most out of it.

I express my sincere gratitude to Rear Admiral Mohammad Makbul Hossain and his staff at the National Hydrographic Committee of Bangladesh for chairing and hosting the 16th meeting.

I also take this opportunity to thank India for accepting and carrying the responsibilities of the Vice Chairman.

17th Meeting Dates

Provisional dates for the 17th NIOHC are 17-20 July 2017 with ICCWG - in Cairo, Egypt; logistic details will be announced shortly.

Agenda Input

Please note that proposed agenda items for NIOHC17, should be forwarded to the Chair at least four months prior to the conference. In this regard and due to the limited time frame, we would appreciate, if you could send your agenda items by the 20th of April 2017 to the NIOHC secretariat. E-mail (<u>hydro@enhd.gov.eg</u>) or fax (+ 20 3 480 2233).

Finally, I look forward to meeting you all again for a fruitful and productive conference in Cairo.

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