

# The 8th Meeting of the IHO Strategic Planning Working Group

*Busan, Republic of Korea  
2-4 May 2006*

The 8th meeting of the IHO Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG) was held in Busan, Republic of Korea, on 2 to 4 May 2006 hosted by the National Oceanographic Research Institute of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of Republic of Korea. Many of significant issues were considered in this meeting.

The main issues to be discussed

- The status of ratification of the amendments to the Convention
- Consideration of the final Basic Documents
- Consideration of the Council composition for countries not pertaining to Regional Hydrographic
- Hydrographic Interests



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Several Regional Hydrographic Commissions including the EAHC reported the status of ratification on behalf of the member states. Republic of Korea was the 7th ratification member state for the revised IHO convention.

With regard to Hydrographic Interests, the SPWG decided that tonnage is a basic criterion for election of Council member states until settlement of new IHO structure although several member states insisted some alternative parameters such as the scope of EEZ, number of charts, etc.

In principle, this meeting was the last one to discuss all issues for the new IHO structure and related arrangements. Therefore, the SPWG reviewed the draft report that UK had prepared to submit to the 17th International Hydrographic Conference that will be held in May 2007.

As host of the 8th SPWG meeting and one of SPWG member states, I would like to show respect for SPWG member's contribution to IHO.

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