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NEW IHO PUBLICATION
M-2: NATIONAL MARITIME POLICIES AND HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES

Dear Sir,

The above publication, in English, French and Spanish versions, distributed in December to the IHO Member States, has been produced with the intention of providing a summary of the rationale for a national hydrographic service. It describes the benefits which accrue to many aspects of national development. It also provides suggestions about how a national hydrographic service should be established, how to define individual national requirements, and how to decide upon the necessary resource levels.

It is timely that this book is published as we are about to move into the new century, a time when the sustainable development of the oceans will be a major issue for mankind. Hydrographic Services have a crucial part to play in that development and this must be recognized.

Member States wishing to receive more printed copies should address their requests to the IHB. This M-2 publication can also be downloaded from the IHB Website.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President

Note: Copies of this Circular Letter, along with a copy of the M-2 publication, are also being distributed to all the Non-Member States, as listed in the IHO Yearbook.