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**COMMISSION ON PROMULGATION OF RADIO  
NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS (CPRNW)**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Reference: 1. XVth IH Conference, Decision No. 1  
2. IHB CL 18/1998  
3. IHB CL 37/1998

Dear Sir,

During its 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting (IHB, Monaco, 27-29 June 2000) the IHO Commission on the Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW) reviewed its Terms of Reference which had been disseminated to Member States under cover of CL 37/1998.

The following changes (in italics) were adopted by the CPRNW:

- 1.4 Provide appropriate guidance to concerned IHO Member State Representatives to further the evolution of the WNWNS with respect to the full implementation of the GMDSS *to include attendance at the Conferences of the Regional Hydrographic Commissions and to develop and monitor standards for watchstander training.*
- 1.7 *Co-operate* with other international organizations *concerned with improving the global standards for disseminating* Maritime Safety Information, namely IMO, WMO and IMSO.
- Replace “Inmarsat” by “IMSO” in paragraphs 1.7 and 2.1. This change had to be made because Inmarsat was privatized about a year ago (now called Inmarsat Ltd.) and a new international organization, called International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO), was established to ascertain intergovernmental oversight of public services (GMDSS services) which are now provided by Inmarsat Ltd.

Please find attached the revised Terms of Reference of the CPRNW for your approval. Any objections and/or proposals for enhancements should be sent to the Bureau **no later than 15 October 2000**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO  
President

Encl.: - CPRNW Terms of Reference

## COMMISSION ON PROMULGATION OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS (CPRNW)

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

Considering the need to provide an internationally co-ordinated network of broadcasts containing information which is necessary for safe navigation at sea, the International Hydrographic Organization established a Commission on Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW) with the following Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure:

#### **1. Terms of Reference**

- 1.1 Monitor and guide the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)/ International Maritime Organization (IMO) World Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) which includes NAVAREA and coastal warnings.
- 1.2 Study and propose new methods to enhance the provision of navigational warnings to mariners at sea.
- 1.3 Facilitate the implementation of the major changes in procedures for disseminating navigational warnings which are required by the Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS), adopted by the IMO.
- 1.4 Provide appropriate guidance to concerned IHO Member State Representatives to further the evolution of the WWNWS with respect to the full implementation of the GMDSS to include attendance at the Conferences of the Regional Hydrographic Commissions and to develop and monitor standards for watchstander training.
- 1.5 Encourage the development of bilateral or multi-lateral arrangements between NAVAREA, Sub-Area and National Co-ordinators in the provision of navigational warnings.
- 1.6 Prepare and review the various guidance documents for the WWNWS and evaluate any proposed amendments prior to formal IHO or IMO consideration.
- 1.7 Co-operate with other international organizations concerned with improving the global standards for disseminating Maritime Safety Information, namely IMO, WMO and IMSO.

#### **2. Rules of Procedure**

- 2.1 The Commission is composed of NAVAREA Co-ordinators, Member States, the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) and Ex-Officio Representatives from IMO, WMO and IMSO.
- 2.2 Member State Representatives, the Commission as one whole, or the International Hydrographic Bureau may invite Observers, through the Chairman, to the Commission meetings.
- 2.3 The Commission works mainly by correspondence with a meeting normally held every even year. The venue and dates of the meeting will be announced at least one year in advance.

- 2.4 The Chairman is elected by the Commission from its membership at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference. A Chairman may serve more than one term. The Vice-Chairman will be the representative of the IHB.
  - 2.5 Recommendations of the Commission will be submitted to the IHO Member States for adoption through the IHB Directing Committee.
  - 2.6 Progress will be reported to the Member States through the Annual Report of the IHB and by means of a report to each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference.
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