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**IHO/INDUSTRY/USER INTERFACE WORKSHOP
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Dear Sir,

In recent times it has become obvious that regular and constant interface between the major role-players in the world of hydrography is necessary. This matter has been addressed by both the CHRIS and WEND Committees. It is just as important for the views of representatives from related industry and authorities responsible for implementation of charting to be heard, as it is for that of the official producers of the data. A number of recent issues related to the provision of ENC's have, for instance, resulted in much discussion and correspondence.

Therefore, in accordance with the objectives of the WEND and CHRIS Committees, the Directing Committee will organize an IHO/Industry/User Interface Workshop at the Bureau in Monaco on 28-29 June 2001. It is hoped that this will facilitate the exchange of information on issues of mutual concern to all involved in provision of charts and charting information and, in addition to any other subjects which may be proposed, it is necessary to obtain feedback on ENC delivery mechanisms, appropriateness of ECDIS symbology and possible problems related to type-approval when using the existing approved standards.

Invitations are extended to all who wish to attend and, in particular, to members of the TSMAD, Colours and Symbols, Technology Assessment Working Groups and the Marine Information Objects Harmonization Group. Invitations will also be addressed directly to those representatives of related industry known to the Bureau, but should Member States wish for a particular industry representative to be present, it is requested that the Bureau be advised of their attendance. In addition representatives from the Type-Approval Authorities and the international maritime community will be invited. It is possible that there may be a need for a workshop of this nature to be held as an annual event in Monaco.

To facilitate the organization of the agenda for the workshop and other arrangements it is requested that the Bureau be advised as soon as possible of those who intend to participate.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,


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Director

* Initially planned on 25-26 June (CL 13/2001 dated 28 February 2001); moved to 28-29 June (Correction to CL 13 dated 3 April 2001).