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**NEW IHO PUBLICATIONS:**

**M-2: NATIONAL MARITIME POLICIES AND HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> PARTS**

**M-6: LIST OF REFERENCE TEXTS FOR TRAINING IN HYDROGRAPHY**

Dear Sir,

The above-mentioned publications (English version) will be made available on the IHO Web Site by the end of May 2001.

1) The first part of M-2, "*National Maritime Policies and Hydrographic Services*" was well received by the hydrographic community. There was clearly a need for a concise account of the rationale for a national hydrographic service, and a brief description of its functions and organization. There was also a need for a clear statement of the economic benefits which accrue from the work of a national hydrographic service. Increasingly national hydrographic services are being asked to make a "business case" for continued government investment in this important activity.

In order to assist with this task, the IHO has decided to publish a new edition of the IHO publication M-2, including a Second Part containing a collection of reprints of studies and articles, which address the "business case" in more detail than M-2, Part I. It is hoped that this collection will provide a useful aide-mémoire to those undertaking research on this difficult but important subject.

French and Spanish versions of M-2 will be made available as soon as possible.

2) The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the IHO publication M-6 provides a list of text books which are useful references for training in Hydrography. It has been compiled and endorsed by the FIG/IHO Advisory Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors. The Bureau is grateful to Captain Hugo Gorziglia and to Dr. David Wells, Chairman and Board Member respectively, for their help in preparing this publication.

In accordance with the new arrangements for printed publications, as approved in 1999 by Member States, requests for printed copies of these two publications should be addressed to the IHB by the end of July 2001. A certain number of printed copies will then be produced in accordance with Member States' requests.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

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Director