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STATEMENT MADE BY PRIMAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE 20-21 September 2001, Athens, Greece

Dear Sir,

The IHB has been advised by the PRIMAR Advisory Committee, which met in Athens, Greece on the 20th and 21st September 2001, of the following statement:

"PRIMAR, as the common instrument of European Hydrographic Offices in operating an official ENC service, started its operation in 1999. Since then, it has gradually enhanced its services. After three years of experience, the cooperation agreement needs adjustment.

The cooperating Hydrographic Offices have agreed that the PRIMAR official ENC service will be maintained and continued under the new arrangements so that the quality-controlled integrated, updated, uniform and consistent data bases required for safe navigation will remain available in the future".

On behalf of the Directing Committee Yours sincerely,

> Rear Admiral Weil GUY Director