

**CIRCULAR LETTER 24/2004
15 April 2004**

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP (SPWG) SEMINARS

Reference: a) SPWG Letter 01/2003 dated 25 November 2003
b) SPWG Letter 01/2004 dated 22 January 2004
c) Circular Letter 17/2004 dated 23 February 2004

Dear Hydrographers,

With reference to the SPWG Letters (a) and (b) it had been announced that the SPWG had accepted four meetings/seminars to be organized in Athens, Greece; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Dubai, UAE and in Mexico for the Chair Group to provide answers to questions and give explanations to the Documents that will be sent to Member States which will be discussed for approval at the Extraordinary Conference in April 2005.

We have received no confirmation of the meeting in Dubai. As for Malaysia and Mexico, they have informed the Bureau of the very low participation of Member States at these meetings. By 15th April only three or four States had indicated their willingness to participate in the meeting in Kuala Lumpur and only two in Mexico. For this reason the Chair-Group has decided to cancel the meetings in these two places.

As it has been announced at reference c), the meeting in Athens has been confirmed and will take place on the 27th and 28th May. Details are also given at reference c). Member States of any region interested in participating in the meeting in Athens are requested to inform the Greek Hydrographer and provide the details contained in the Annex of reference c).

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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President