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STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP WORK

Dear Hydrographer,

In CL44/2005 you were informed about the future work of the SPWG, in accordance with the Decisions of the 3rd EIHC. A copy of the Draft Work Plan for 2005-2007 was included with the Circular Letter.

The SPWG held its 7th Meeting in Australia on 13-15 July 2005. The report of the meeting will be posted on the IHO Web site under Committees – SPWG. It is to be noted that during the meeting:

- a) The SPWG Work Plan 2005-2007 was approved;
- b) The implementation strategy to implement the new structure was discussed as it appears in the report;
- c) The General Regulations, Financial Regulations and Rules of Procedure were examined and the final draft was accepted including some amendments that were introduced.

Any comment on the documents - listed in sub-paragraph c) above - must be provided to the Bureau **by 1st September 2005**.

It was agreed that the Legal Experts Group should continue its work to ensure the harmonization of the future IHO Basic Documents and other documents with the Consolidated Convention approved by the 3rd EIHC. Furthermore, it was decided that a meeting of the Legal Experts Group will be convened at the IHB on 8-9 September 2005.

The following countries confirmed at the SPWG meeting that their legal experts would continue to participate in the Group's work: Germany, India, UK and USA, and possibly France. Member States are kindly invited to examine the possibility of providing legal experts and to inform the IHB **by 1st September at the latest**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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President