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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEMS (ICG)

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The 'Service Hydrographique et Océanographique de la Marine Française' (SHOM) has brought to the attention of the IHB the establishment of a United Nations (UN) Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG) under the auspices of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The ICG held its first meeting in Vienna, Austria on 1 and 2 November 2006. A brief report including information on those who participated in the meeting can be found at:

<http://www.unis.unvienna.org/unis/pressrels/2006/unisos343.html>

Further information on the ICG can be found at:

<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/gnss/icg.html>.

2 The IHB agrees with SHOM that the work of the ICG has potential relevance to the use of GNSS in hydrography and nautical cartography. The IHB has contacted ICG asking to be kept informed of future meetings and the work of the ICG. The IHO is an Observer to the United Nations and where considered appropriate the IHB will seek to be represented at future meetings of the ICG.

3 Any Member State who is planning to attend meetings of the ICG is requested to inform the IHB accordingly in order to arrange the possibility of representing the IHO.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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President