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### WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY

Reference: CL 55/2006 dated 27 July

Dear Hydrographer,

1 With reference the Directing Committee proposed the theme of 2007 celebrations for the World Hydrography Day (WHD) to be "Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs), an essential element of Safety at Sea and Efficient Maritime Operations". Comments received from Member States were in support of this theme.

2 In celebrating the WHD the Bureau will organize

1. A special page on the IHO web, where papers and other material appropriate for the celebration will be posted and Member States can make use of them;
2. A Press Release for use in Monaco, which Member States may also use in support of their own celebrations;
3. A Press Conference and interviews with local television on the importance of the celebrations highlighting how the theme supports safety at sea and protection of the marine environment;
4. A reception where His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, Members of the Government and other officials and representatives from diplomatic missions, other organizations, the local maritime industry will be invited.

3 Member States are requested to take this opportunity, through the theme of this year's WHD, to bring to the attention of their Governments, appropriate Administrations, local maritime industry and other bodies, the significance of the IHO and its Member States' Hydrographic Offices for the safety of navigation, protection of the marine environment, sustainable development and security. The Bureau will endeavor, as resources permit, to support Member States as they develop their plans to commemorate WHD.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President