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**CIRCULAR LETTER 79/2007
04 September 2007**

**REVISED AGENDA FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY WEND MEETING
AND MEMBER STATE COMMENTS**

Reference: CL 70/2007 dated 20 July 2007

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The above-referenced CL invited Member States to comment on the details proposed for the organization of an Extraordinary meeting of WEND on 30 and 31 October 2007. The Bureau has received comments from the Norwegian Hydrographic Service stating that:

“NHS is of the opinion that major parts of the meeting should be open also to NGIOs as observers, as we believe that these Organizations may contribute with useful inputs. However we agree that part of the meeting could be organized in a closed session”.

2 The Directing Committee thanks Norway for its comments and appreciates that there are certain related matters that require discussion between Member States only. The Directing Committee therefore intends, unless objections are received, that a separate IHO meeting takes place from 0900 to 1230 on Tuesday 30 October, prior to the start of the Extraordinary WEND meeting. This meeting will be open only to Member States. The Extraordinary meeting of WEND would therefore start in the afternoon of the same day, and be open to accredited representatives of NGIOs in accordance with the rules of the IHO.

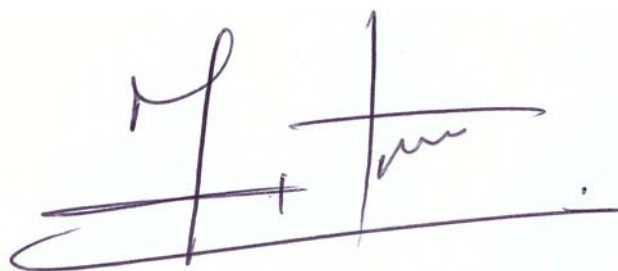
3 The Directing Committee has also prepared an updated draft Agenda for Member States' consideration.

4 Member States are requested to indicate their support for the arrangements proposed above, by 28 September, together with any proposals to amend the draft Agenda. Member States are reminded that submissions for the Extraordinary WEND meeting should be provided to the Bureau by 20 September for subsequent posting on the IHO web site.

5 For your convenience, the IHB has made a number of block bookings of hotel rooms at the Hotel Forum (Beausoleil), the Hotel Terminus and the Hotel de France (both in Monaco)

and you are invited to contact Ms Mireille Mollet (email: info@ihb.mc) with your accommodation requirements. The hotels are presented in detail on the IHO Web site: *Home>About the IHO: Visiting the IHB - Monaco.*

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Maratos', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Annex : Revised Draft Agenda for Extraordinary WEND Meeting

**DRAFT AGENDA (REV. 1)
EXTRAORDINARY WEND MEETING
IHB, Monaco 30-31 October 2007**

IMO Developments regarding ENCs

1. IMO requirements and decisions concerning mandatory carriage requirements for ECDIS. IHB will present brief reports on the:
 - decision taken by IMO concerning mandatory carriage of ECDIS for HSCs;
 - papers presented and decisions taken during NAV 53, for mandatory carriage of ECDIS for other types of ships;
 - progress on the development of the IHO online catalogue which will include available ENCs, RNCs where ENCs are not yet available, paper charts to be used as back-up when ECDIS is operating with ENCs or in conjunction with RNCs when ECDIS is operating in RCDC mode and a world-wide portfolio of paper charts;
2. The IHB will present a brief report on E-Navigation development.

IHO Resolutions

3. The IHB will present the two Resolutions adopted by the XVII International Hydrographic Conference, early May 2007, concerning:
 - ENC coverage, availability, consistency and quality; and
 - ENC coverage in relation to ECDIS carriage requirements.

Issues of concern

4. Reports will be presented on the following topics of ENCs:
 - Coverage: IHB, RENC and WEND TG
 - Consistency: RENC
 - Delivery: RENC
 - Pricing: RENC

Papers on these issues may also be submitted by Member States and participating NGOs, as they consider appropriate.

Capacity Building and Training

The need for capacity building and training requirements for ENC issues, especially for Developing States will be discussed. A paper highlighting the main topic of interest will be presented by the Capacity Building Chairman.

NAV 54

5. Issues that need to be considered in preparation for IHO submission to NAV 54.

A paper has already been circulated by Norway (Frode Klepsvik in an e-mail dated 22 August) and comments on this were circulated by France (Gilles Bessero in an e-mail dated 28 August).

Decisions and actions

6. Decisions and actions that need to be put in place.
7. Report to Member States.