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FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY WEND MEETING

Reference: a) CL 70/2007 dated 20 July 2007
b) CL 79/2007 dated 04 September 2007

Dear Hydrographer,

1 Based on the comments received from various Member States, the Directing Committee, in consultation with the WEND Chairman Captain Abri KAMPFER (RSA), has decided that:

.1 An Extraordinary WEND meeting, which will be open to all participants in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the WEND Committee, will take place on Tuesday 30th October. The aim of this meeting is "to examine the status of production of ENC's and the possible problems that are connected with this and to discuss and decide the actions that are required for the IHO to fulfill its commitments to achieve adequate coverage, availability, consistency and quality of ENC's by 2010, in accordance with the relevant Resolutions approved at the XVII IHC";

.2 A separate meeting for Member States only, will then take place on Wednesday 31st October, in order to discuss the outcome of the Extraordinary WEND meeting, consider national positions, decide on the actions needed and report to all Member States. The Agenda for this meeting will be drafted on completion of the Extraordinary WEND meeting;

.3 The intention of both meetings is to avoid detailed technical discussions on the issues, most of which are known to the participants and rather to concentrate on presenting proposals that will achieve the aim stated in paragraph .1. If needed, participants should be prepared to work beyond the normal working hours for meetings. Papers that are submitted for these meetings are posted on the IHO web site.

2 Member States and accredited organizations (for the WEND meeting only) intending to participate in the meetings are requested to inform the Bureau and provide the details of their delegates as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President