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RAISING GOVERNMENT AWARENESS OF HYDROGRAPHY

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Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Committee on the Worldwide ENC Database (WEND) at its 11th meeting discussed progress on achieving global ENC coverage. During its discussions, the WEND Committee agreed that raising the levels of awareness and commitment to hydrography by relevant national authorities and other interested parties was a key part in achieving IHO objectives, especially in relation to ENC production and services.
2. During its various meetings with a wide cross section of hydrographic stakeholders and others, the Directing Committee takes every opportunity to emphasize the importance and benefits of hydrography both at the global and the national level. As well as taking this general approach, the Directing Committee is always available to approach relevant authorities, including at senior governmental levels using appropriate diplomatic, intergovernmental or other points of contact, where individual national Hydrographers consider that this will help them in raising the levels of awareness and commitment to provide appropriate hydrographic services in their countries.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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