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**CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY (WHD) 2009**

References: a) CCL No2 dated 17 September  
b) CCL No 6 dated 2 April

Dear Hydrographer,

1 It has been decided to celebrate this year's WHD in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC) in order to take advantage of the presence of many national Hydrographers, Directors and their Staff, who will be in Monaco for the 4th EIHC. As indicated in paragraph 2 of reference (a) and in the draft programme at reference (b), the celebration will take place on the afternoon of Friday 5th June in the Auditorium Prince Rainier III. The theme for WHD is "Hydrography - Protecting the marine environment".

2 The Directing Committee has invited Members of the Government of Monaco, resident Diplomats, representatives of local maritime companies and others to join Member States' representatives in the celebration. The International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) have all responded positively to a request from the Directing Committee to participate in the celebrations by delivering a number of relevant presentations. Dr Savithri Narayanan, the Dominion Hydrographer of Canada, has also agreed to deliver a presentation. The Directing Committee expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Organizations and the presenters.

3 The detailed programme is shown in the Annex to this letter. The WHD celebration at the Auditorium will be followed by a reception on the roof-top terrace at the IHB.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President

Annex: Programme for the Celebration of World Hydrography Day 2009

**PROGRAMME FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY 2009**

- 17:00 – 17:10 Welcome and opening remarks for the celebration by the President of the Directing Committee;
- 17:10 – 17:30 Presentation by Dr Savithri Narayanan, Dominion Hydrographer, Canada  
Title of presentation: “One-Ocean – Global responsibility”;
- 17:30 – 17:50 Presentation by Captain Gurpreet Singhota, IMO  
Title of presentation: “IMO and IHO, co-operation towards protection of the marine environment”;
- 17:50 – 18:10 Presentation by Captain Edgard Cabrera, WMO  
Title of presentation: “Hydrography – Contributing to better met-ocean products and services”.
- 18:10 – 18:30 Presentation by Dr. Patricio Bernal Executive Secretary IOC and Assistant Director-General UNESCO.  
Title of the presentation: “Reducing coastal vulnerability to natural hazards through the application of the shallow water bathymetry”; and
- 18:30 – 18:35 Closing remarks by the President of the Directing Committee.
- 19:00 – 21:00 Reception on the roof-top terrace at the IHB.