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86th SESSION OF THE IMO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

- References:
- a) CL 9/2009 dated 6 February 2009 (Outcome of COMSAR 13)
 - b) CL 70/2008 dated 12 September 2008 (MSI Manual)
 - c) CL 84/2008 dated 28 October 2008 (MSI Manual)

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The 86th session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) was held at the IMO Headquarters in London from 27 May to 5 June 2009. The President and PAH represented the IHO. The report of COMSAR13 (COMSAR13/14) which is available from the IHO web site, and reported at Reference A, was considered during the meeting. There had been no meeting of the NAV Sub-Committee since MSC85 where the report of NAV54 had been considered.

2 MSC 86 took the following actions that have relevance to the IHO:

- Adopted amendments to SOLAS Chapter V introducing mandatory carriage requirements for ECDIS with a phased implementation period beginning in 2012 and ending in 2018. The amendments to SOLAS will be considered to have been accepted on 1 July 2010 and will enter into force on 1 July 2011;
- Approved the revised text of the Joint IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on Maritime Safety Information which will come into force on 1 January 2011. As reported at References B and C the IHB will now finalise the text of IHO Publication S-53 which, with the exception of the Preface and Section 10 which explains the amendment procedure, will mirror the Joint Manual;
- Endorsed the issue of COMSAR Circular 44 concerning the list of NAVAREA Co-ordinators;
- Approved the coordinated approach to the implementation of the e-navigation strategy (MSC86/23/4, available from the IHO web site), including removing the square brackets around "IHO" in the annex, so that the IHO will be recognised as an active contributor to the relevant work items; and
- Approved the inclusion of a new work programme item for the NAV Sub-Committee on "New symbols for AIS aids to navigation". This item will be included in the Agenda for NAV56 in 2010 and will last for 4 sessions.

3 The full report of MSC 86 (MSC86/26) will be posted on the IHO web site as soon as it is released by the IMO.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Alexandros Maratos', is written over a horizontal line.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President