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**WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY (WHD) - 2010 AND
THE THEME FOR WHD 2011**

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1 The theme for World Hydrography Day (WHD) 2010, as approved by Member States, was "Hydrographic services - The essential element for maritime trade". The IHB celebrated WHD in Monaco on Monday 21st June. The Bureau prepared various displays and issued a Media Release.

Three noteworthy events involving the IHB were as follows:

- The Bureau hosted a reception at the Yacht Club of Monaco, where various posters were displayed illustrating hydrographic activities with special emphasis on the theme of this year's celebration. HSH Prince Albert II, the State Minister of Monaco, Ministers, diplomatic authorities, representatives from the maritime industry and other local officials were present. The IHO President, in welcoming HSH Prince Albert II and the guests, delivered a brief speech on the significance of the World Hydrography Day highlighting the benefits of hydrography and especially how hydrography supports maritime trade. HSH Prince Albert II showed a special interest in the hydrographic activities and developments and was briefed by the IHO President on the new structure of the Organization, the enduring cooperation with the Government of Monaco and the scientific and technical challenges of hydrography;
- In order to educate and inform the young people about hydrography and its importance, the IHB invited the Department of Education of Monaco to send classes of 14-year olds, numbering about 450 students in total, to visit the Bureau between 18 and 25 June. The visits provided information on IHO activities and especially the nautical chart, its use and importance;
- Captain Gorziglia, Captain Ward and Commander Shipman who were participating respectively in meetings of the IOC, the Canadian Hydrographic Conference and the UN, made speeches that included special reference to the celebration of the World Hydrography Day and its importance to maritime trade and safety at sea.

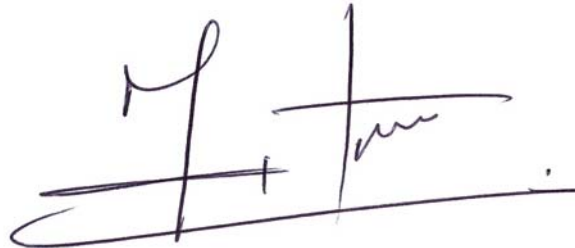
2 Various materials related to the celebrations in Monaco are posted on the IHO web site.

3 The Directing Committee has received various reports on how World Hydrography Day was celebrated by various Member States, including organizing exhibitions, seminars, receptions, visits on surveying ships and hydrographic offices and other special events.

4 Hydrographic Staff working in the field collecting data and information and in offices preparing hydrographic and nautical charting products used in many maritime and other applications contributing significantly to the success and recognition of Hydrography, as a major contributor to many aspects of our lives. In order to recognize this important contribution and the importance of "hydrographers" and to motivate new generations, the Directing Committee proposes that the theme for the celebration of the World Hydrography Day in 2011 be: "*Human resources – The important element to the success of Hydrography*".

5 The Directing Committee welcomes any comments and suggestions aimed at improving the impact and organization of the annual WHD celebration. In addition the Directing Committee would welcome comments on the proposed theme for WHD 2011 in order to confirm it and inform Member States accordingly.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President