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ADOPTION OF EDITION 1.1 OF C-17

Spatial Data Infrastructures: "The Marine Dimension" - Guidance for Hydrographic Offices

Reference: IHB CL 09/2010 dated 25 January - *Adoption of C-17 as a new IHO Publication*

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The reference reported on the approval by Member States of edition 1.0 of the IHO publication C-17 *Spatial Data Infrastructures: "The Marine Dimension" - Guidance for Hydrographic Offices*.

2 Following a request from the Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group (MSDIWG), the Hydrographic Standards and Services Committee (HSSC), at its 2nd meeting (Rostock, Germany, 26-29 October 2010), recommended to Member States that the following supporting MSDI documents on the IHO website be incorporated as appendices of C-17, in order to give them more visibility:

- SDI Frequently Asked Questions
- Capacity Building Material - SDI Awareness Training Course (Template)
- Stakeholders to be considered by IHO Member States in developing their understanding and engagement in SDI
- Hydrographic Data Policy - Best Practise Guidelines for HO's

3 The above supporting documents contain useful information not included in C-17. For example, the Capacity Building Material contains a template of an SDI awareness training course that could be offered by an organization. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document offers a quick background and education on SDI and how it applies to a Hydrographic Office. Review of the FAQs may inspire a reader to move onto the more detailed C-17 guidance document.

4 As a result, a draft edition 1.1 of C-17, incorporating the above four documents as appendices, has been prepared and is available for consultation on the IHO website at http://www.iho-ohi.net/iho_pubs/restricted/Draft_Editions_of_Pubs/Draft_C-17_e1.1_EN.doc.

5 Member States are requested to consider the recommendation of the HSSC to adopt edition 1.1 of C-17 and to indicate their support using the Voting Paper, provided in Annex A, **by 15 February 2011**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', is positioned above the printed name.

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1. Do you approve the adoption of edition 1.1 of C-17 *Spatial Data Infrastructures: "The Marine Dimension" - Guidance for Hydrographic Offices?*

YES

NO

Comments (if required)