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CHART SPECIFICATIONS OF THE IHO (S-4)
Approval of New and Revised Specifications for
Chart Accuracy note, Oscillating lights, Floating wind turbines,
Intervals between symbols in area limits, Size and displacement of symbols,
Floating waste bins, Fish aggregating devices, Sub-surface ODAS instruments

References: a) IHO Publication S-4 Part B: Chart Specifications of the IHO
b) IHB CL 56/2010 dated 30 August

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Directing Committee would like to thank the following 35 Member States who replied to CL 56/2010 proposing the adoption of new and revised chart specifications: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Ecuador, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, India, Japan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, , Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukraine, UK and Venezuela.

2 All responses supported the proposed specifications. Australia and Finland pointed out a minor error in the floating wind farm symbol, which will be corrected. Iceland suggested changing 'GPS' to the more general 'GNSS' in the 'Chart Accuracy' note. As the note states 'such as GPS', consistent with similar sample notes in section B-200 of S-4, it will not be changed at this time. However, the point is valid and the usage will be reviewed in the whole section when opportunity arises. Member States may, of course, adapt the suggested wording of the example note, as they consider appropriate.

3. The new and revised specifications and symbols, with the minor amendment noted above, will therefore be included in the next revision of S-4.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', is written over a white background.

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