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WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY - THEME FOR 2011

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Dear Hydrographer,

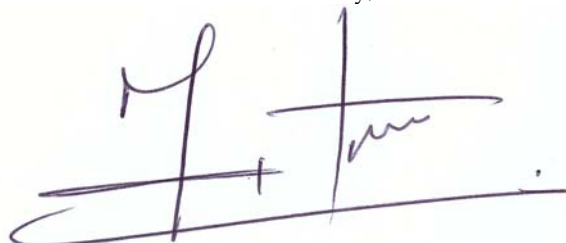
1 In the above reference, the Directing Committee proposed the theme of 2011 celebrations for the World Hydrography Day (WHD) to be "*Human resources - The important element to the success of Hydrography*", in order to recognize the importance and significance of the contribution of Hydrographic Staff to the success and recognition of Hydrography, as a major contributor to many aspects of our lives. Comments received from Member States were in support of this theme.

2 In celebrating the WHD the Bureau will organize:

- A special page on the IHO web site, where papers and other material appropriate for the celebration will be posted and Member States can make use of them;
- A Press Release for use in Monaco, which Member States may also use in support of their own celebrations;
- A Press Conference and interviews with local media on the importance of the celebrations with emphasis to the specific theme;
- A reception where His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, Members of the Government and other officials and representatives from diplomatic missions, other organizations, the local maritime industry will be invited.

3 Member States are requested to take this opportunity, through the theme of this year's WHD, to bring to the attention of their Governments, appropriate Administrations, local maritime industry and other bodies, the significance of the IHO and its Member States Hydrographic Offices and especially the importance of the human resources, for safety of navigation, protection of the marine environment, sustainable development and security.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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President