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**WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY - THEME FOR 2012**

Reference: IHB CL 43/2011 dated 21 July

Dear Hydrographer,

1 In the reference the Directing Committee proposed "*International Hydrographic Cooperation - Supporting safe navigation*" as the theme for the celebration of World Hydrography Day (WHD) 2012. This theme is intended to provide Member States with the opportunity to promote their involvement in international activities at the bilateral, multinational, regional and global levels covering such things as bilateral support, data exchange, chart coverage, standards development and regional cooperation. Comments received from Member States have all been in support of this theme.

2 In support of WHD the Bureau will organize:

- A special page on the IHO web site, where papers and other material appropriate to the celebration will be posted and which Member States can use as appropriate;
- A Media Release for use in Monaco, which Member States may also use in support of their celebrations;
- A Media Conference and local interviews emphasizing the theme;
- Various other activities with schools in the area in order to raise awareness about hydrography, the scope and significance of WHD and the theme of the celebrations;
- A reception where His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, Members of his Government and other officials and representatives from diplomatic missions, other organizations and local maritime industry will be invited.

3 It is hoped that Member States will use 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 international hydrographic cooperation for the accomplishment of the many hydrographic activities that contribute to safety of navigation, protection of the marine environment, sustainable development, economic well-being and security.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

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President