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THEME FOR WORLD HYDROGRAPHY DAY 2014

Reference: IHO CL 59/2013 dated 29 October - *World Hydrography Day –Proposed theme for 2014*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. In the reference, the Directing Committee proposed “***Hydrography - more than just charts***” as the theme for the celebration of World Hydrography Day 2014 (WHD-2014). The IHB thanks the following Member States for their supportive responses: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Japan, Monaco, Russian Federation, and Spain.

2. Chile proposed to replace ‘charts’ with ‘nautical charts’ in the English version, therefore the title would read “***Hydrography - more than just nautical charts***”. France proposed to reinforce the message by replacing “*more*” by “*much more*” and adapting the phrase to be used in the French language to “***bien plus que des cartes marines***”. The Directing Committee fully agrees with these proposals and accordingly, confirms the theme for World Hydrography Day 2014 as:

“Hydrography - much more than just nautical charts” (English)
« L’hydrographie : bien plus que des cartes marines » (French)
“La Hidrografía: mucho más que cartas náuticas” (Spanish)

3. The Directing Committee invites Member States to use the theme of WHD-2014 to raise awareness and to promote the role of every national hydrographic service and the role of the IHO.

4. In support of WHD-2014 the Bureau will organize:

- A dedicated page on the IHO web site, where papers and other material relevant to the celebration and reflecting the variety of activities supported by hydrography will be posted and which Member States can use as appropriate.
- Various other activities with schools in the Monaco area in order to raise awareness about hydrography, the scope and significance of WHD and the theme of the celebration.
- 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.

5. It is expected that the celebration of WHD-2014 in Monaco will be enhanced both by the visit of a French Navy survey ship planned through the French Hydrographic Office (SHOM) and by hosting at least one IHO meeting at the IHB during the week.

6. Additionally, it is intended to arrange a supplementary WHD-2014 event during the FIG International Congress-2014 which will be held from 16 to 21 June in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in order to raise the profile of hydrography and highlight the IHO activities. This event will be conducted in consultation with the Hydrographer of Malaysia and the President of the FIG.

7. Member States are invited to forward as soon as possible to the IHB any material that is created in support of national WHD-2014 celebrations for posting on the IHO website. This will enable the widest possible dissemination of publicity and support material for the event.

8. The Directing Committee also welcomes any comments and suggestions to improve the organization and support of this annual event.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Ward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert WARD
President