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- RELEASE OF EDITION 3.0.4

References:

- A. IHO CL 39/2011 dated 8 July - *IHO Publication M-2, Version 3.0.0, July 2011 "The Need for National Hydrographic Services"*
- B. IHO CL 30/2015 dated 9 April - *New IHO Member States - Georgia and Viet Nam*
- C. IHO CL 32/2015 dated 13 April - *Applications for Membership of the IHO from the Republic of Malta and the Republic of Vanuatu*
- D. IHO CL 33/2015 dated 14 April - *New IHO Member State - Brunei Darussalam*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The 3rd edition of IHO Publication M-2 – *The Need for National Hydrographic Services* which was issued in 2011 (Reference A) has been updated to reflect the changes in IHO membership, as announced in References B, C and D. These changes have been incorporated in Annex 4 to M-2 (*Comparison of IMO/SOLAS Signatories and IHO Membership*). Several clarifications and editorial changes have also been made to improve the text of the document in order to ensure that M-2 remains a current and useful publication for decision makers.
2. The updated Edition 3.0.4 of M-2 is now available on the IHO website at: www.iho.int → Standards & Publications → Download → M-2.
3. Although the changes in M-2 are editorial in nature and merely reflect updated information and revised references, the Directing Committee invites Member States to provide their comments, if any, on this and future updates to M-2.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is centered on the page.

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