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**2^{ème} REUNION DU COMITE DES SERVICES ET DES NORMES HYDROGRAPHIQUES DE
L'OHI (HSSC) - LETTRE DE BIENVENUE DU PRESIDENT**

Référence : a) LC29/2010 du 6 avril 2010 - *2^{ème} réunion du Comité des services et des normes hydrographiques de l'OHI (HSSC); 26-29 octobre 2010, Rostock, Allemagne.*

Madame la Directrice, Monsieur le Directeur,

1 Les principaux documents de la 2^{ème} réunion du Comité des services et des normes hydrographiques (HSSC2) qui était annoncée dans la lettre en référence sont désormais en ligne sur le site web de l'OHI à l'adresse suivante : http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/HSSC/HSSC2/HSSC2Docs.htm. Tous les Etats membres et les observateurs sont invités à les examiner.

2. Il est rappelé à l'ensemble des Etats membres et des observateurs participant ou ne participant pas à la réunion que, conformément aux règles administratives du HSSC, les articles qui fournissent des commentaires substantiels pour discussion lors de la réunion doivent être envoyés au Secrétaire du HSSC au BHI, au plus tard trois semaines avant la réunion, à savoir pas plus tard que le **5 octobre 2010**.

3. Le président du comité, le capitaine de vaisseau Vaughan Nail, a préparé une lettre de bienvenue destinée à tous les délégués et observateurs ayant l'intention de participer à la réunion de Rostock, Allemagne. Sa lettre (en anglais uniquement) est jointe à la présente lettre circulaire pour être envoyée à tous les participants.

Veuillez agréer, Madame la Directrice, Monsieur le Directeur, l'assurance de ma haute considération,

Pour le comité de direction,

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Capitaine de vaisseau Robert WARD
Directeur

Pièce-jointe : Lettre du président du HSSC en date du 9 septembre 2010 (en anglais uniquement)

Destinataires : Etats membres de l'OHI + Organisations internationales non gouvernementales accréditées.

Copie pour information : participants éventuels

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Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee

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Prospective Participants in the 2nd Meeting of the HSSC

HSSC Chairman's Welcoming Comments

Ref: IHB Circular Letter CL29/2010 dated 6 April 2010 - *2nd Meeting of the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC); 26-29 October 2010, Rostock, Germany.*

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to invite and welcome you to participate in the second meeting of the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC), kindly hosted by the Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie (Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency) in Rostock, Germany. For those who have not yet registered, details are available on the IHO website at:

http://www.iho-ohi.net/mtg_docs/com_wg/HSSC/HSSC2/HSSC2_Rostock_Registration.doc

As you are aware, all technical elements of the IHO work programme are allocated to the HSSC. A key role of the committee is to agree on how the IHO's technical programme can best be achieved, by allocating work to Working Groups as appropriate, monitoring progress and when work is completed, providing Member States with recommendations for adoption. The HSSC also has another important role of identifying technical initiatives which are necessary to underpin the future strategy of the Organisation. I consider that we are well placed to balance the strategic implications of new developments with practical guidance on their implementation. Following the first meeting of the HSSC, working groups have continued with their busy programme of work and we will have the opportunity to review both their progress and future plans for standards development. It is unsurprising that with several major technical initiatives underway, as well as the gradual implementation of the new IHO strategic planning process, there are a number of high level papers which provide signposts to future ways of working which we need to examine carefully.

At this meeting, HSSC will consider the current IHO Strategic Plan and attempt to define the role the Committee can undertake to ensure that the purpose of the strategic planning process is achieved in a pragmatic and efficient manner. This may mean suggesting revisions to the Directing Committee on the methodology proposed, the measurement metrics (PI's), or the levels of responsibility that have been assigned. Practical business rules may also need to be established. I would also like to draw your attention to the paper introducing the proposed standard S-99 (HSSC2-05.1B), which provides guidance on practical management of the IHO Geospatial Information Registry (S-100). Although the new S-100 framework enables use of hydrographic data by a wider community, we must ensure that an effective, user-friendly and cost-effective regime of management controls exist in order to maximise the potential of the new model. I would therefore be grateful if Committee members would give advance consideration to the detailed draft of S-99

provided. We must also address some important safety-related issues which have arisen since HSSC1. In response, paper HSSC2-05.1C proposes a new procedure for the effective promulgation of ENC encoding information throughout the IHO.

We must also be conscious of related developments taking place outside the Organisation, which could be of benefit to our core mission. This year we will be receiving presentations on "Port ENC and ECDIS" and "3D nautical GIS", in order to provoke our thoughts on potential directions of development.

In order to perform the important governance role that has been given to the HSSC, I respectfully request that delegates prepare by studying the meeting papers in advance of the meeting. In order to enhance our ability to offer concise and clear recommendations to Member States, I hope that all delegates will be in a position to express constructive and authoritative opinions on behalf of the Member State or the organization that they represent, when this is appropriate. The IHB, as the committee secretariat, has already posted the committee papers on the IHB website in accordance with the timescales laid down in the *HSSC Instructions for the Submission of Reports and Proposals*. It will be very difficult for me, as your Chairman, to make the HSSC effective if delegates have not prepared for the meeting, or do not have the authority to express opinions or to participate actively.

I look forward to see as many of you at the meeting as possible. Best wishes in your preparations,

Yours sincerely,

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Captain Vaughan NAIL
Chairman of HSSC