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**COMMISSION ON PROMULGATION OF RADIO
NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS (CPRNW)**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Reference: - IHB CL 101/2005 dated 28 September 2005

Dear Hydrographer,

The IHB thanks the following 9 MS who replied to CL 101/2005: Brazil, Chile, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom, all of whom approved the change.

Brazil requested that the final sentence of 2.3 be amended to read: "The venue and dates of the meeting will be proposed 1 year in advance, preferably at the end of each annual meeting." This is in order to allow more time for MS to secure funding for attendance at the meetings. Chile requested that the term "valorar" in section 1.6 of the Spanish text be changed to "evaluar". Both amendments have been incorporated and the new text of the CPRNW TOR are enclosed.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Encl.: - CPRNW Terms of Reference

COMMISSION ON PROMULGATION OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS (CPRNW)

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Considering the need to provide an internationally co-ordinated network of broadcasts containing information which is necessary for safe navigation at sea, the International Hydrographic Organization established a Commission on Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW) with the following Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure:

1. Terms of Reference

1.1 Monitor and guide the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)/ International Maritime Organization (IMO) World Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) which includes NAVAREA and coastal warnings.

1.2 Study and propose new methods to enhance the provision of navigational warnings to mariners at sea.

1.3 Facilitate the implementation of the major changes in procedures for disseminating navigational warnings which are required by the Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS), adopted by the IMO.

1.4 Provide appropriate guidance to concerned IHO Member State Representatives to further the evolution of the WWNWS with respect to the full implementation of the GMDSS to include attendance at the Conferences of the Regional Hydrographic Commissions and to develop and monitor standards for watchstander training.

1.5 Encourage the development of bilateral or multi-lateral arrangements between NAVAREA, Sub-Area and National Co-ordinators in the provision of navigational warnings.

1.6 Prepare and review the various guidance documents for the WWNWS and evaluate any proposed amendments prior to formal IHO or IMO consideration.

1.7 Co-operate with other international organizations concerned with improving the global standards for disseminating Maritime Safety Information, namely IMO, WMO and IMSO.

2. Rules of Procedure

2.1 The Commission is composed of NAVAREA Co-ordinators, Member States, the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) and Ex-Officio Representatives from IMO, WMO and IMSO.

2.2 Member State Representatives, the Commission as one whole, or the International Hydrographic Bureau may invite Observers, through the Chairman, to the Commission meetings.

2.3 The Commission works mainly by correspondence with a meeting normally held every year. The venue and dates of the meeting will be proposed 1 year in advance, preferably at the end of each annual meeting.

2.4 The Chairman is elected by the Commission from its membership at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference. A Chairman may serve more than one term. The Vice-Chairman will be the representative of the IHB.

2.5 Recommendations of the Commission will be submitted to the IHO Member States for adoption through the IHB Directing Committee.

2.6 Progress will be reported to the Member States through the Annual Report of the IHB and by means of a report to each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference.