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## REPORT ON THE RELATIONS OF THE IHO WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

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The primary organisations that the IHO has been associated with during the last year that are germane to CHRIS are the following.

## **International Maritime Organisation (IMO)**

The IHO/IHB enjoys a respected technical relationship with the IMO Maritime Safety Committee, it's subsidiary the NAV Sub Committee, and with the IMO Secretariat.

Significant progress was made with the coming into force of the amended SOLAS Chapter V and in particular Regulation 9 of this Chapter. It is now beholden on all Contracting Governments to SOLAS to provide hydrographic services. The IHO should utilise this opportunity to expand both the creditability and the membership of the organisation.

At NAV 48 requests were made for a survey to be undertaken by the IHO on the standard and availability of hydrographic data in remote areas. This had been a concern of the IHB and a presentation was made to the July Meeting of the International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO). In the presentation notice was given of the density of data in some areas and the concern that the international hydrographic community had for indiscriminate use of charts based on minimal data. The three areas identified by the Chairman of the Drafting group were Antarctica, the Arctic and Greenland. The IHB has access to data on both Polar Regions and it is hoped that the Danish Hydrographic Service will be in a position to assist the IHB with that part of the report that appertains to Greenland.

The latest information dealing with MSC 75 and NAV 48 are contained in CHRIS Document CHRIS-14-6-A.

International Association for Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)