

**19<sup>th</sup> CHRIS MEETING**  
**Rotterdam, Netherlands, 5-9 November 2007**

**Outcomes from the Extraordinary WEND Committee Meeting,  
 Monaco, 30-31 October 2007**

**SUMMARY**

<b>Executive summary:</b>	This document provides a brief summary of the Extraordinary WEND meeting and a subsequent meeting of IHO Member States
<b>Actions to be taken:</b>	The meeting is invited to take note of this paper
<b>Related documents:</b>	None

### Extraordinary Meeting of WEND

1. An Extraordinary meeting of the Committee on WEND (X-WEND) met at the IHB on 30 October 2007 under the Chairmanship of Captain Abri Kampfer (South Africa) to examine the status of production of ENC's and the possible problems that are connected with this and to discuss and decide the actions that are required for the IHO to fulfill its commitments to achieve adequate coverage, availability, consistency and quality of ENC's by 2010, in accordance with the relevant Resolutions approved at the 17<sup>th</sup> International Hydrographic Conference. The meeting was attended by representatives from 31 Member States, both RENCs, a number of accredited Non-Governmental International Organizations (NGIOs), and the Directing Committee of the IHB.
2. Various presentations were made to the X-WEND, including estimates on the current global coverage of ENC and the reported ENC coverage forecasts for 2010. Areas where there is limited or no current ENC production plans were identified. Information related to ENC consistency and ENC pricing was provided.
3. The Committee was briefed on the discussions at this year's meeting of the IMO Sub Committee on the Safety of Navigation (NAV) regarding carriage requirements for ECDIS. The WEND Committee was briefed on the arguments raised at that meeting and on the significant importance to the IHO of ensuring that it presents a comprehensive and persuasive report of the status of global ENC coverage and availability at the next meeting of NAV. A decision on mandatory carriage requirements for ECDIS will be made at the next meeting of NAV in July 2008.
4. The Committee then drew up a list of topics that IHO and its Member State HOs must address to ensure that the IHO can provide an appropriate report to IMO NAV at its next meeting. Principal amongst these topics was a priority to ensure adequate ENC coverage for the world's major trading routes and ports, improving the consistency of ENC's, and acknowledging that the price of ENC's is a factor in the uptake of ECDIS.
5. The Committee also strongly encouraged HOs to follow the IHO guidelines on consistency of ENC data, especially the use of SCAMIN and noted that RENCs and RHCs have a vital role to play in ensuring consistency of ENC's.
6. The Committee agreed that ENC producer nations should take account of the comments made during the meeting regarding mariners' feedback on ENC pricing when they next consider their ENC pricing and distribution policies.

7. The Committee also provided outline guidance to the IHB on how the IHOs position should be presented at the next meeting of NAV.

### **Meeting of IHO Member States**

8. A meeting of IHO Member States was held at the IHB on 31 October 2007 to consider the outcomes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee on WEND (X-WEND) held the previous day. The meeting was attended by the representatives from 31 Member States who had attended the Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee on WEND and the Directing Committee of the IHB.

9. The UKHO provided a detailed brief on its proposals to help increase the rate of ENC production and ENC consistency in those areas around the world where the major trading routes will otherwise not be adequately covered by ENCs in the near future. The UKHO has identified that 90% of the world's international shipping trades between 800 ports – of which 107, together with certain areas along the routes between the ports are likely to require some form of production assistance if continuous ENC coverage is to be achieved relatively quickly. The meeting agreed that the UKHO proposal has some merit and should be brought to the attention of all Member States for comments. This will be done by Circular Letter.

10. The meeting discussed the outcomes of the X-WEND meeting and then added more detail to those outcomes. Specific actions required prior to the next meeting of the IMO Sub Committee on the Safety of Navigation (IMO NAV) were identified. These included that the IHO report to IMO NAV should include:

- ENC coverage progress and predictions
- the various IHO and other plans and initiatives that are in hand for ENC coverage
- illustrations of some examples routes that are or will soon be covered by ENC
- practical examples of the progress and improvements that have lately been made in harmonizing data.
- an explanation of ENC pricing policies including pricing trends and history
- the increasing take-up rates for ENCs

11. The meeting identified some specific actions that Member States could undertake including:

- participation in regional assistance programs
- ensuring that their national maritime administrations were well informed on ENC and ECDIS

12. The meeting agreed that the IHB should arrange an IHO information session/seminar at NAV (supported by UKHO, RENCs and others) prior to discussion in plenary. This should take a similar form to ones delivered to earlier sessions of NAV.

### **Action Required of CHRIS**

13. The CHRIS is invited to:

- a. **note** this report.