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[A Working Group of the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems – CHRIS]

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To: IHO Member States

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A TSMAD WORK GROUP TO DRAFT A MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Dear All,

1. At the 19th meeting of the Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS), a proposal was adopted to draft a Marine Environmental Protection (MEP) Product Specification. This product specification would allow the integration of coral, Marine Protected Areas and other marine environmental information for use with Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) in an Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS). It would also permit the exchange of MEP information among scientists and environmental managers in a standardized format. CHRIS assigned the draft product specification as a work item under the Transfer Standard Maintenance and Development (TSMAD) Working Group to revise and refine the draft specification submitted at CHRIS 19 and with a view to adopting the resulting specification under the S-100 series of specifications. TSMAD is to complete this work within one year and report back to CHRIS 20. While it is expected that most of the work on this task will be accomplished by correspondence, there may be a need for one or more face-to-face meetings.

2. All Member States are invited to participate in preparing this new product specification. Using the form at **ANNEX A**, Member States may nominate members for the task group, and indicate if your representative would be interested in being the work item leader. It is expected that the Task Group Membership will be confirmed by correspondence no later than 7 March 2008. **Your nominations are requested by 29 February 2008.**

Regards,

Barrie Greenslade
Chairman, TSMAD

Encls: Annex A - Response Form
Attached - CHRIS19-08.1B, Marine Environmental Protection Product Specification

Annex A to TSMAD Letter 01/2008

TSMAD Task Group Membership RESPONSE FORM

(to be returned to the TSMAD Secretary **by 29 February 2008** E-mail : apharaoh@ihb.mc – Fax : +377 93 10 81 40)

Note : One response is requested per Member State.

Member State:

1) Do you wish to nominate a candidate as a TSMAD Task Group member to revise and refine the draft MEP Product Specification for adoption as a specification under the S-100 series of specifications?

YES

NO

If yes, name and email of candidate:

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2) Do you wish to nominate a candidate to be the work item lead for the TSMAD MEP Task Group?

YES

NO

If yes, name and email of candidate:

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Comments:

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Signature Date: