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Monaco, 07 July 2009.

Dear Chairperson,

Ref.: Editorial Board and 2nd Edition IHR

As you are aware, Member States agreed to continue the publication of the IHR, in digital format. In fact the first edition was made available at the end of May, but the IHB has not received any comment so far. No news ... good news???

We would like to remind you on the following comment expressed in CL 100/2008 dated 01 December 2008, "the success of the IHR is heavily dependent upon the IHO Member States providing suitable articles". We take this opportunity to insist in this subject and we urge RHC Chairs to motivate MSs in their regions to cooperate in this endeavour. Articles, Notes and General Information shall be sent following the guidelines in the IHO web site to:

- a) The IHR Editor, Mr. Adam J. Kerr, e-mail <adam.j.kerr@btinternet.com> and/or to
- b) The IHB Attn: Captain Hugo Gorziglia e-mail <ihreview@ihb.mc>

Considering the regional structure of the IHO and the recently approved Administrative Resolution Q2.5, each Regional Hydrographic Commission should be a member of the IHR Editorial Board through its Chair or designated representative.

The Editorial Board shall help the IHR Editor in keeping a good standard of the Review. The members of the Editorial Board are expected to encourage the following activities at a regional level:

- a) Motivate Member States in his/her region to submit Articles, Notes and General Information suitable for the IHR.
- b) Contribute with relevant Notes after holding RHC's Meetings or other IHO-related events.
- c) Search and identify suitable and available experts in their region who could volunteer to peer-review the Articles, to ensure the peer-review process.
- d) Provide the Editor with key information to be highlighted in the Editorial of the IHR.

The IHR Editor in conjunction with the IHB is preparing the second edition of the IHR that shall be posted in the IHO website during November. For this to happen, the end of July was fixed as deadline for submitting contributions. During this period the Editor needs to identify and receive the collaboration of appropriate peer-reviewers. If you will integrate the Editorial Board the Editor will contact you directly for this purpose. In case you have decided to delegate this responsibility we will appreciate receiving the name and e-mail of your RHC representative.

We look with great optimism your contribution. Indeed it will ensure the sustainability of the IHR.

Personal regards,



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