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IHO Strategic Plan Working Group (ISPWG)

Dear Chairmen of the Regional Hydrographic Commissions and Hydrographers,

1. The XVII International Hydrographic Conference (IHC) that took place early May 2007, approved the establishment of a Working Group to propose revision of the IHO Strategic Plan. The proposed revision of the Strategic Plan will be examined in an Extraordinary Hydrographic Conference that will take place early June 2009 as it was decided during the XVII IHC. The Terms of Reference, composition, Chair and Vice-Chairs and method of work of the IHO Strategic Plan Working Group (ISPWG) approved by the XVII IHC are attached for your information.
2. The Working Group will be composed of representatives designated by the Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs). Individual Member States may be represented if they wish. The Working Group will work mainly by correspondence (electronic) and face-to-face meetings will be decided by the group based on the needs and progress of the work. All the working documents will be available to all Member States on the IHO web site. Representatives to the Working Group should have an easy access to e-mail and internet facilities.
3. Chairmen of RHCs are requested to select the member who will represent the Commission in the ISPWG and inform the Bureau by 31st July 2007 of the details and e-mail of the representative. Member States wishing to participate in the ISPWG are also requested to inform the Bureau by 31st July 2007 of the details and e-mail of their representatives

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Maratos', written over a horizontal line.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Encl: Decision 12 of the XVII IHC

IHO STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING GROUP (SPWG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Review the existing IHO Strategic Plan in view of IHO's new Vision, Mission and Objectives.

Prepare a revised draft strategic plan.

Present the draft Strategic Plan and any related recommendations to the Member States no later than 1 January 2009.

COMPOSITION

The Working Group will comprise representatives designated by the Regional Hydrographic Commissions. Individual Member States may be represented if they consider it necessary. The IHB shall be represented in the Working Group.

Chair

Chairman: IGA G. Bessero (France)

Vice-Chairmen: Capt. De Haan (Netherlands)
Capt. Cavalheiro (Brazil)

WORKING METHOD

The Working Group shall encourage maximum participation by working mainly by correspondence, using information technology, and with no more than two face-to-face meetings of the full membership.