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15th Meeting of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission & Technical Workshop on Implementing Hydrographic Governance Nuku'alofa, Tonga - 19-23 February 2018

To: Please refer to distribution list at Annex A

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. At the last (14th) SWPHC Meeting held in Noumea, New Caledonia it was agreed that the next meeting and technical workshop be held in Kiribati in late February / early March 2018.
2. The IHO Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC) Meeting held in Suriname in June 2017 considered the CB activity proposals submitted by the various regional hydrographic commissions. The SWPHC had requested a sum of 60,000 Euros for the Technical Workshop to be held in conjunction with the SWPHC15 Meeting. This amount was based on the costs (travel, accommodation and subsistence) for the SW Pacific Island Countries & Territories participants to attend the workshop and meeting planned to be held in Kiribati in February/March 2018.
3. Due to budget constraints the IHO CBSC approved a sum of 36,000 Euros, i.e. 24,000 Euros less than the requested amount. Unfortunately, due to the reduced budget, there was a need to identify an alternative venue to hold this event - i.e. a location where the costing would come within the IHO approved budget of 36,000 Euros.
4. Considering that Tonga had also offered to host SWPHC15, a request was therefore made for Tonga to provide a venue for the meeting and workshop. I am pleased to inform that Tonga will host the event in Nuku'alofa during the week 19th – 23rd February 2018. The tentative programme is as follows:

19-20 February 2018 - SWPHC Technical Workshop on Implementing Hydrographic Governance
21-23 February 2018 - SWPHC15 Meeting
5. Details of the meeting and workshop, including programme, provisional agenda, registration and logistical information will follow in subsequent SWPHC Circular Letters.

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX A to SWPHC CL 01/2017

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