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IHO-INDUSTRY CO-OPERATION
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Further to the paper submitted by Australia (see CHRIS/12/12.1B), the IHB has developed the draft lines of communication between the various bodies identified at the September 2000 TSMAD/Industry Meeting. This is in accordance with the feelings expressed at the IHO Interface Meeting held on March 2000 (see CHRIS/12/12.1A) and with the work done by the IHB since then.

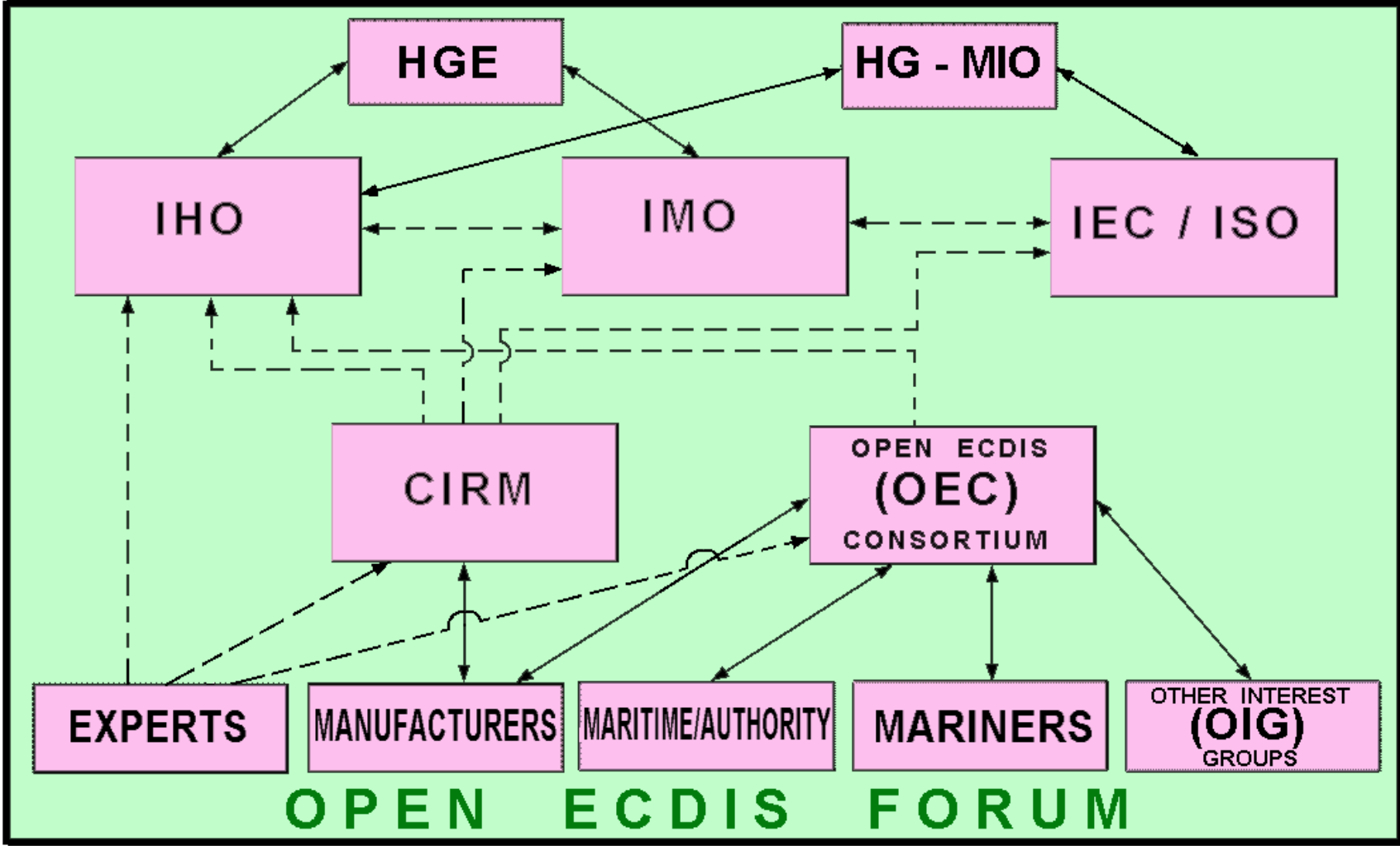
The main issue identified in the future relationship between industry and both the IHO and HOs was the necessity for a formal organisation to be established by industry that could be recognised by the IHO. At the TSMAD/Industry Meeting it was suggested that an Open ECDIS Consortium be formed that could accommodate those in industry who may wish to participate, representatives of users, academia and other interested parties. Hopefully the Consortium would develop to a point where formal observer status could be given at other related intergovernmental organisations such as the IMO. In addition CIRM extended an offer for industry to join their organisation as CIRM enjoyed such status with the IMO and was internationally recognised as an international standards organisation.

The TSMAD/Industry diagram has been divided into six diagrams as follows:

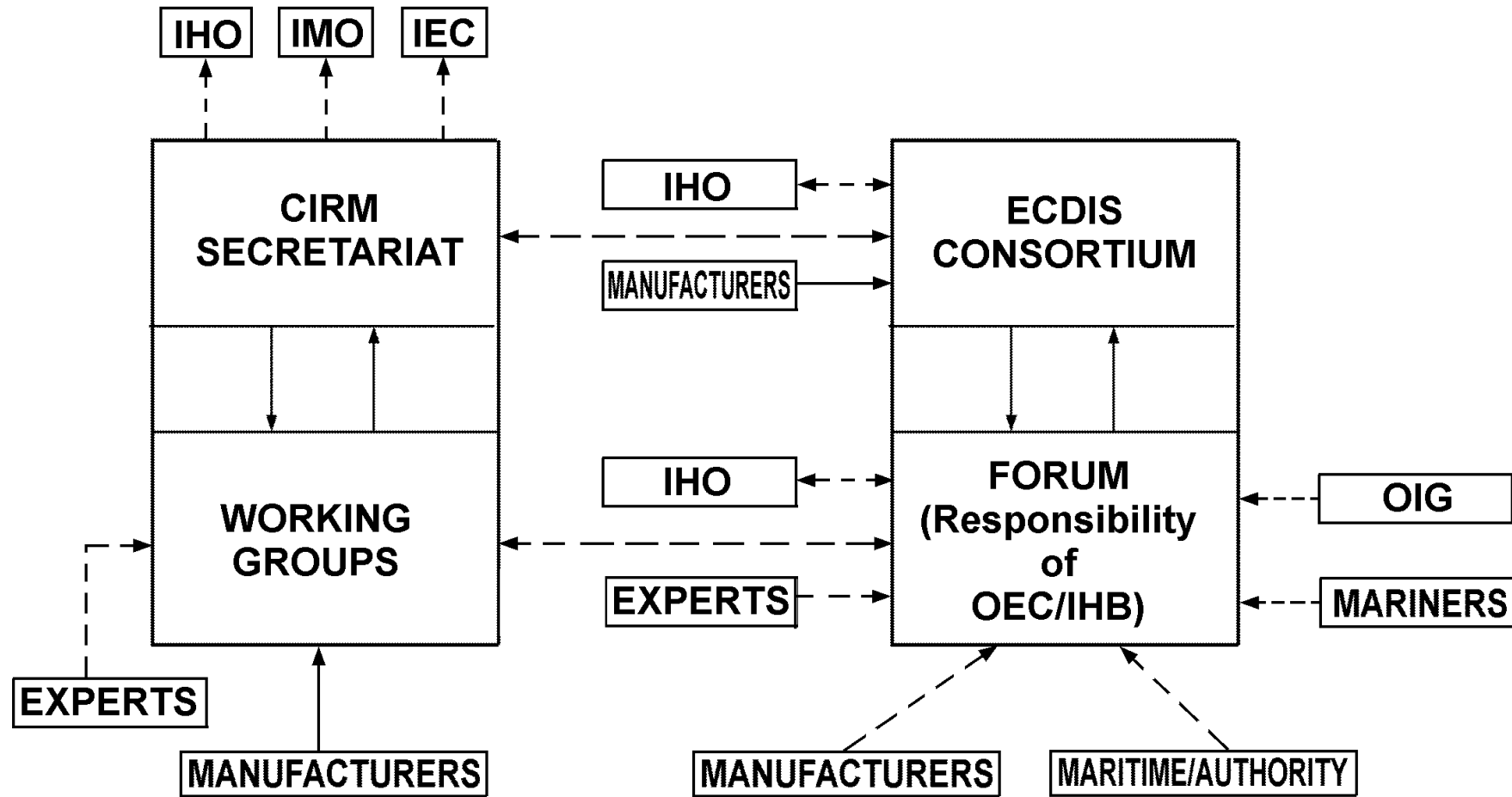
- 1) Base. This diagram indicates the overall relationships between the organisations. The OEF should be seen as an environment in which all may participate.
- 2) Liaison. This diagram shows the possible formal and observer status of the various bodies.
- 3) Nautical Charting Authority. This indicates the possible participation in IHO affairs.
- 4) Maritime Affairs Authority. This is a similar depiction for the relationship with IMO.
- 5) Standards. Possible participation in the setting of standards is indicated.
- 6) Harmonisation. The relationship of the IMO, the IEC, the IHO and the Member States of all three organisations is shown.

It is vital that steps be taken to form the OEC or a similar body and the IHB is willing to assist in this task.

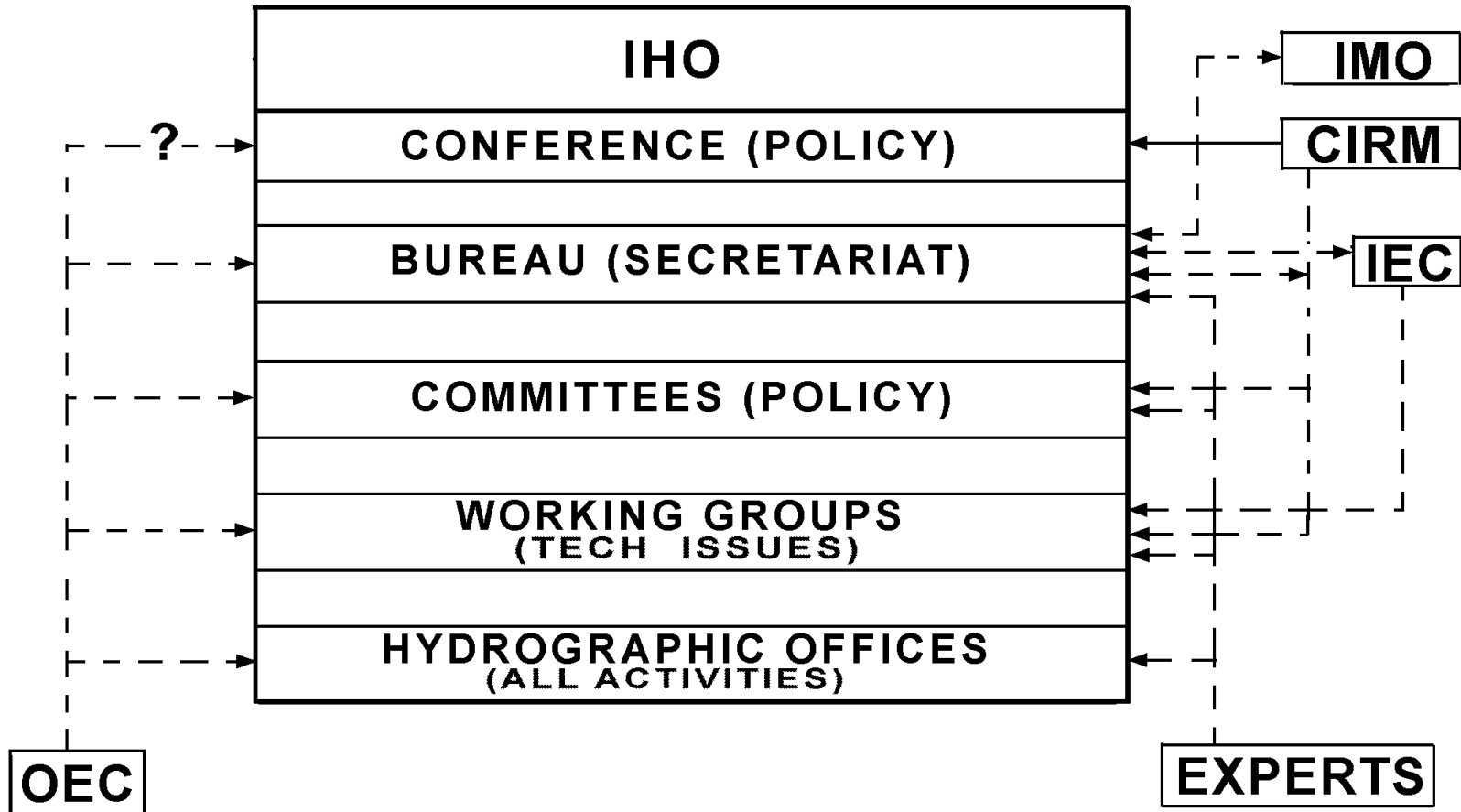
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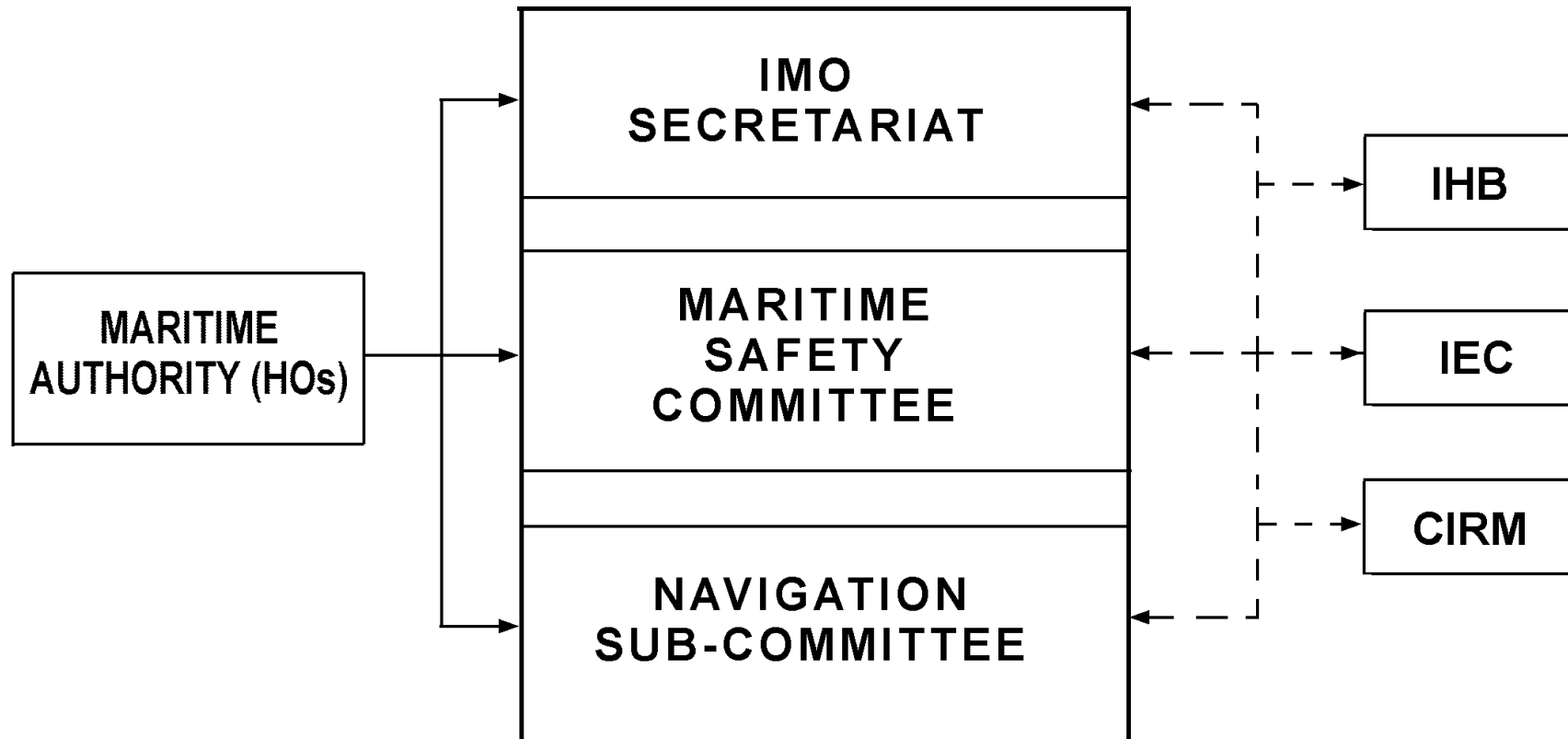
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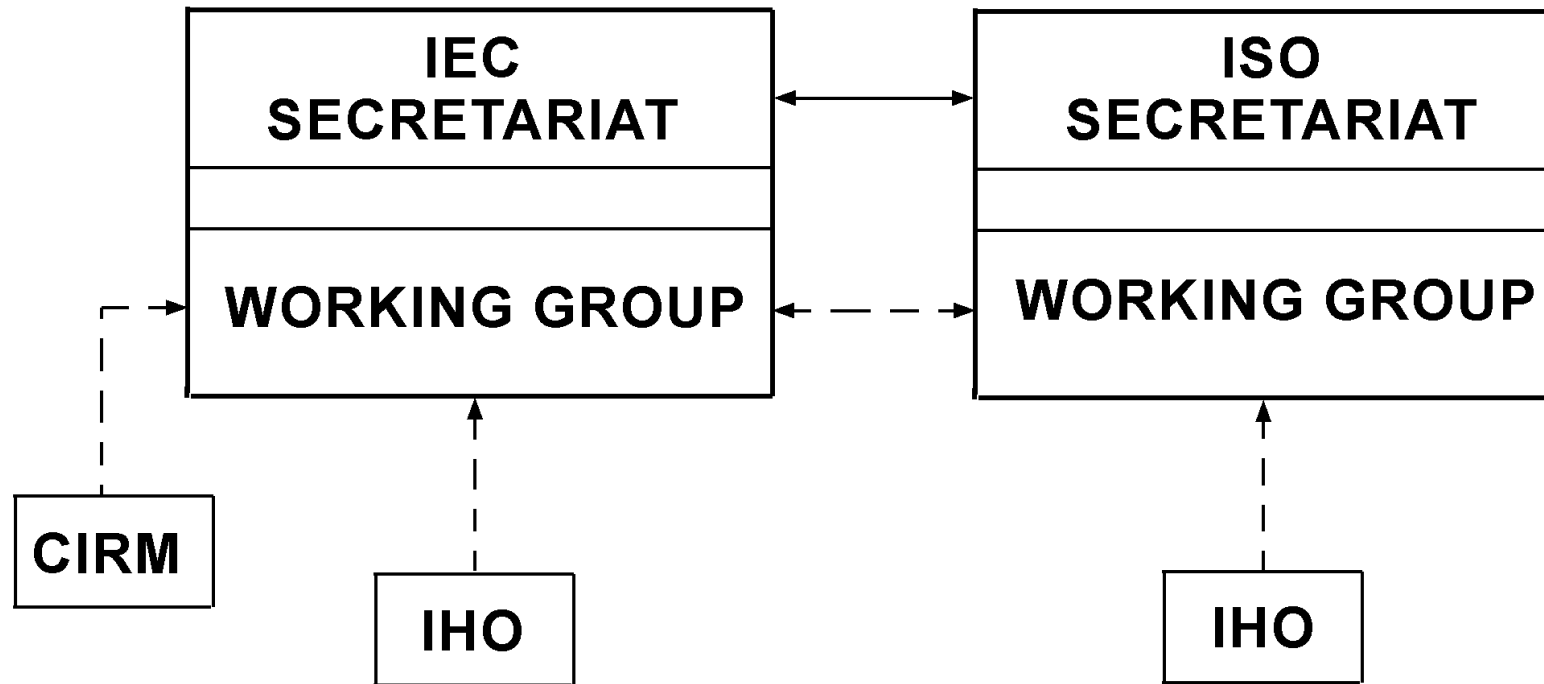
③ NAUTICAL CHART AUTHORITY



④ MARITIME AFFAIRS AUTHORITY



⑤ STANDARDS



⑥ HARMONISATION GROUPS

