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(WENDWG4)**

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Paper for Consideration by the WENDWG

Development of an IHO-RENC Concept

<i>Submitted by:</i>	NORWAY
<i>Executive Summary:</i>	This paper provides background information in relation to the continuing development of an IHO-WENC (RENC) concept by the RHSG. It is intended to form a basis upon which further discussion can take place and in particular the identification of any unresolved issues so as to enable the development of appropriate recommendations for consideration at IRCC-6 and EIHC-5.
<i>Related Documents:</i>	WENDWG3 Report, IRCC5 Report
<i>Related Projects:</i>	N/A

Note by Secretary (IHB)

This paper WENDWG4-04C rev1 replaces papers WENDWG4-04C, D and E.

Those papers were incorrectly attributed to the RHSG, whereas they should have been attributed to Norway, as operator of the PRIMAR RENC.

Responsibility for the incorrect attribution of the papers rests solely with the IHB.

Introduction and Background

1. Norway is a member of the WENDWG and is also the PRIMAR RENC operator.
2. The RENC Harmonization Steering Group (RHSG) has been tasked by the WENDWG to develop a proposal concerning the establishment of an IHO-WENC (RENC). This work item was approved through Decision 10 of the 5th meeting of the Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) in June 2013:

to approve the WENDWG Work Programme for the development of an IHO WENC (or RENC).

3. The results of the work of the RHSG together with the considerations, recommendations and proposals of the WENDWG should be reported to the 6th meeting of the IRCC in May this year, and if

appropriate, forwarded for final consideration by the IHO Member States at the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC-5) in October.

4. Norway has been an active participant in the RHSG and, in particular, has taken part in the continuing discussions within the RHSG to develop a proposal concerning the establishment of an IHO-WENC (RENC). As a consequence of the work of the RHSG, it is now apparent that there are several unresolved issues that require further discussion by the WENDWG in order to continue with the development of an IHO-WENC (RENC) concept.

Discussion

5. This paper provides information intended to inform discussion in the WENDWG and in particular to enable the identification and resolution of any as yet unresolved issues. This, in turn, will enable the WENDWG to further develop the concept of an IHO-WENC (RENC) and submit appropriate recommendations for consideration at IRCC-6 and then EIHC-5.

6. Three documents are submitted as Annexes to this paper:

Annex A. Letter from Chair of IC-ENC SC to NHS dated 11 October 2013 related to areas of concern held by IC-ENC over IHO-WENC concept.

Annex B. Draft v7 of RHSG paper on IHO-RENC Management Board (IHO-WENC Concept Paper)

Annex C. Letter from the Chair of Primar PAC to Chair of IC-ENC SC dated 10 December 2013 related to PRIMAR views on IC-ENC areas of concern over IHO-WENC concept.

Action Required of WENDWG

7. The WENDWG is invited to:

- a. **Identify, discuss** and **resolve** any outstanding concerns related to further development of the IHO-WENC Concept Paper,
- b. **develop** appropriate recommendations for consideration at IRCC-6 and EIHC-5, and
- c. **take** any other action as deemed necessary.