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**CALL FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT NEW EDITION 2.0.0 OF IHO PUBLICATION C-17 –
SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURES "THE MARINE DIMENSION" - GUIDANCE FOR
HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICES**

References:

- A. IHO Circular Letter 58/2015 dated 17 August - *Outcome of the 7th meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee - Availability of new Worldwide ENC Database (WEND) services and related activities*
- B. IHO Circular Letter 42/2016 dated 5 September - *Outcome of the 8th meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC8)*
- C. IHO Resolution 2/2007 as amended - *Principles and Procedures for Making Changes to IHO Technical Standards and Specifications*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) at its seventh meeting in Mexico City in June 2015 (see Reference A) endorsed the Work Plan of MSDIWG which included revising and extending the content of edition 1.1.0 of the IHO Publication C-17 *Spatial Data Infrastructures "The Marine Dimension" - Guidance for Hydrographic Offices*. At its 8th meeting in Abu Dhabi in May 2016 (see Reference B), the IRCC tasked the IHO Secretariat to circulate the draft new edition 2.0.0 of C-17 (Action IRCC8/16, Reference B) seeking comments from Member States and other stakeholders, as required by Reference C.

2. Any comments provided by Member States and stakeholders will be considered by the MSDIWG during its eighth meeting which will be held in Vancouver, Canada from 31 January to 2 February 2017. The finalised draft edition 2.0.0 will then be submitted to IRCC for consideration at its 9th meeting in Paramaribo, Suriname, 12-14 June 2017, in accordance with Action IRCC8/17 (Reference B).

3. In accordance with the process of consultation required under Reference C, the draft edition 2.0.0 of C-17 is now available (*in English only*) on the IHO website at:

www.iho.int → Standards & Publications → Download → Draft Publications for discussion

4. Member States are invited to review the draft revised publication and to provide their comments on draft edition 2.0.0 of C-17 to the IHO Secretariat (*e-mail: cl-lc@iho.int* - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40). **The deadline for the submission of comments is 10 January 2017.**

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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