
**CHANGE TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROMULGATION OF RADIO NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS (CPRNW).**

Submitted by the Chairman CPRNW

1. **ACTION REQUIRED:** Change to the Terms Of Reference of the Commission on Promulgation of Radio Navigational Warnings (CPRNW).
2. **COMMENTS:** In April 2002, the XVIth Conference resolved that there should be a thorough review of the Basic Documents of the IHO and of its structure and procedures, in order to determine whether a more flexible, efficient Organization could be constructed. The Strategic Planning Work Group (SPWG) was tasked to undertake this review and to make appropriate recommendations to an Extraordinary Conference in April 2005.

After assessing and debating many potential candidates for an IHO structure, the SPWG proposed a structure and set of operational procedures that it believed were best suited to maintain the strengths, overcome the weaknesses, and achieve the Mission, Vision and Objectives. It took into account the needs to show increased effectiveness and cost-effectiveness and to maintain the IHO's status as a competent international organization.

Of note, the SPWG recommended that the five year gap between International Hydrographic Conferences (IHC) was too long to monitor and hasten decision making. SPWG recommended at the 2005 Extra-Ordinary International Hydrographic Conference the Assembly to meet every three years rather than five.

In conjunction, the SPWG noted the period between committees meetings was also too long and suggested these meetings should be held annually.

Due to a large percentage of CPRNW's work resulting from IMO COMSAR, SafetyNET Coordinating Panel and NAVTEX Coordinating panel meetings, which all meet annually, it is recommended that the Commission meet annually rather than the biannually.

3. **RECOMMENDATION:** Change to the CPRNW Terms of Reference paragraph 2.3 to reference annual meeting frequency.

To read:

"2.3 The Commission works mainly by correspondence with a meeting normally held every year. The venue and dates of the meeting will be announced at least 9 months in advance."