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WORLD-WIDE NAVIGATIONAL WARNING SERVICE – SUB-COMMITTEE

WWNWS-SC Letter No. 1/2014
13 March 2014

6th Meeting of the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub Committee (WWNWS 6)

Dear Colleague:

As previously announced in October 2013, the Sixth Meeting of the WWNWS-SC will be held from 18 - 22 August 2014 at the Amora Hotel in Wellington, New Zealand; this meeting is planned to take place simultaneously with the WMO Maritime Safety Services Enhancement Workshop/METAREA Coordinators meeting, over the same dates and collocated in the same venue. This is the first time that the meetings will be held concurrently and stands to be of significant benefit for both organizations. A joint agenda is being developed to make the most of the time available and as I anticipate it to be a full agenda with discussions concluding late on the last day, I encourage you to make your travel arrangements to depart on Saturday 23 August 2014 or later.

Details of hotels and logistical information are attached to this letter at Enclosure 1. The Provisional Agenda for the Meeting is also attached. Templates for submitting papers to the meeting are available for download from the WWNWS page of the IHO web site at: http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/CPRNW/WWNWS6/WWNWS6.htm.

The Provisional Agenda for the Meeting is attached, Enclosure 2. Templates for submitting papers to the meeting are available for download from the WWNWS page of the IHO web site at: http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/CPRNW/WWNWS6/WWNWS6.htm.

Please note that all documents should use the WWNWS 6 document template with the exception of NAVAREA Self Assessments under Agenda Item 3.2 which should use the Self Assessment Template. Documents should be numbered WWNWS 6_Y/Y/Y-X where Y/Y/Y are the Agenda Item number. For example a paper that deals with the e-Navigation which is Agenda Item 3.4.3 should therefore be numbered WWNWS 6_3/4/3-X. X will be a sequential letter A-Z allocated by David Wyatt as papers are received. Self Assessments by NAVAREA Co-ordinators should be numbered WWNWS 6_3/2-X where in this case "X" is the NAVAREA number. It is important that documents are submitted in "Word" format and not as pdf files. David Wyatt will convert them to pdf files before they are loaded on to the WWNWS 6 web page.

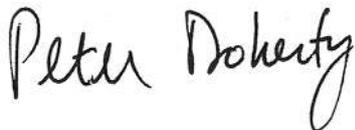
Please note that for Agenda Item 3.2 "Self Assessments by NAVAREA Co-ordinators", NAVAREA Co-coordinators should prepare a NAVAREA assessment paper using the document template mentioned above and should outline existing and planned navigational warning facilities, both SafetyNET and NAVTEX, in their NAVAREA to meet the requirements of the GMDSS. Note the template has been up-dated to include additional information as a result of the WWNWS 5 meeting, therefore submitting typed over previous Self Assessment reports will result in a request for a resubmission on the correct form.

I also ask all members to review the current List of WWNWS Action Items, Enclosure 3, and available from the WWNWS 6 web page, where it is updated as new information is provided. Please provide David Wyatt with updated information as soon as it is appropriate and be ready to report on progress at the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of papers for consideration at the meeting is 30 July 2014. All documents will be posted on the above website as soon as possible after their receipt by the IHB.

Anyone who requires a personal letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa to enter New Zealand is requested to inform Stuart Caie (scaie@linz.govt.nz) as early as possible. If there are any other concerns, please feel free to contact me otherwise I look forward to seeing you in Wellington.

Very Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Doherty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'P' and 'D'.

PETER DOHERTY
CHAIRMAN

Enclosures:

1. Details of Hotel and Logistic Information.
2. WWNWS 6 provisional agenda.
3. Current list of Actions from WWNWS 5.