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Dear

Subject: 11th CSPCWG Meeting (April 2015 in Rostock, Germany)

At the last meeting of the CSPCWG, in New Zealand, we confirmed that the next CSPCWG meeting would be held in Rostock in April 2015, by kind invitation of the Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie (BSH - German Hydrographic Office), if required. Following discussions between the host (Sylvia Spohn) and the Chairman and Secretary it is most likely to take place in the week commencing 27 April 2015. Because the Friday of that week is a public holiday in Germany, the meeting will probably run from Monday to Thursday.

CSPCWG members will be aware that the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) is currently considering, via the Correspondence Group on HSSC Working Groups Restructuring (CGHR), a possible restructuring of its subordinate working groups (including CSPCWG); see IHO Circular letter 39/2014 for the latest available details. No final decisions can be taken before HSSC6 (11-14 November) on any restructuring and how this might affect any planned meetings of the working groups. I cannot therefore state definitely that the planned meeting in Rostock will take place, or whether the group will be working to the same terms of reference as at present (with the same representatives). However, the IHB Director involved considers it likely that meetings already planned for the first part of 2015 will take place in some form.

I recommend, therefore, that CSPCWG members do not at this stage commit to any travel or accommodation arrangements for an April meeting in Rostock. However, I suggest it would be wise to reserve the dates in your diaries and get any necessary budgetary approvals on the assumption that such a meeting will take place (CSPCWG10 Action 2 refers). Also, I will still be pleased to receive any suggestions for agenda items at any stage, in accordance with CSPCWG10 Action 3.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary