

**14<sup>th</sup> CHRIS MEETING**  
**15-17 August 2002, Shanghai, China**

**IHO-Industry Forum**  
*(Informal Role Players Interest Group)*  
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The IHB has been advised that as a result of the discussions that took place during, and after, the IHO/Industry Days held in the IHB on the 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June 2002 a number of attendees have met with a view to forming a group to facilitate the nature and content of future interaction between the IHO and IHO-Related Industry. The group has yet to be named but will be know as the IHO-Industry Forum in the interim. As can be seen from the attached message (Annex A) the intention is to confine this to industry members only.

It is likely that the list of invitees to IHO Industry Days, used at present by the IHB, will be used to contact the interested parties and future meetings between the IHO and the organising committee of this group and by the IHB.

It is understood that as the group will concentrate on commercial organisations related to IHO matters there will still be a necessity for another forum with the users to be established. A meeting has therefore been organised, through the auspices of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), with as many international organisations representing the maritime user as possible. The IHB and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the SPWG will attend the meeting to be held in the Headquarters of the ICS in London on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2002. A fuller report will be made to the CHRIS Meeting.

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*Dear Admiral Guy,*

*One of the conclusions of the IHO/Industry Days was the necessity to structure the dialogue between IHO and "Industry". Reference was also made to the work of the Strategic Planning Working Group.*

*As the above conclusion did not include an action to realize such structure, some attendees agreed to produce a first draft of Terms-of-Reference for an "IHO-Industry Forum" to be further discussed with the IHB/SPWG. The result could then be distributed to the "Industry".*

*To our opinion this forum should be limited to "IHO-related Industry" only. It would be a good idea to organize the dialogue with "IHO-related Users" separately. Academies and Institutions should channel their interests through their national representatives in IHO.*

*If you agree we'll carry on with this initiative and report to your successor before the end of the year.*

*Kind regards,  
L.Hans van Opstal*