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Dear Members of the MSDI Working Group,

As a follow-up to Robert Ward's letter of July 10, 2012 (S3/8151/MSDIWG) regarding the change in office bearers of the MSDIWG, I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve you as the MSDIWG Chair.

Firstly, I would like to thank Maureen Kenny for her contributions to the growing momentum behind MSDI during her time as Chairman of the MSDIWG. I am pleased to be informed that Maureen will continue to contribute her experience and insights to the Working Group as a member.

Second, I would like to suggest that we hold the fourth meeting of the MSDIWG in early 2013. At this meeting, as per the Terms of Reference for the MSDIWG, we will formally elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. As the first formal meeting of the working group since MSDIWG in 2009, the meeting will also be an opportunity to address the current status of MSDI development in the Member States and to set a direction for the Working Group's future initiatives.

Therefore, I recommend that we meet for a three-day event in Copenhagen in January or February, where we hold a one-day MSDI conference and a two-day Working Group meeting. To take full advantage of the event, I have drafted some ideas for a work program that we can use to direct our conversations and planning for the coming years; these are largely based on the documentation that Maureen sent out in October, 2011, but also include some new initiatives for the Member States to consider.

Lastly, by way of an introduction, I am a Senior Advisor at the Hydrographic Office of the Danish National Survey and Cadastre and an external lecturer at Copenhagen Business School. I have served as the Head of the Danish Hydrographic Office; prior to that, I served as Head of the Maritime Inspectorate at the Danish Maritime Administration. I was trained as a naval officer in the Royal Danish Navy and have worked as a master mariner in the commercial fleet and as a commercial pilot. I also hold degrees in organisation and strategy from Copenhagen Business School.

I currently serve as the Chairman for an MSDI Working Group under the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission and represent Denmark in the Arctic SDI Steering Committee. Together with Suzanne Slarsky Dael, I am responsible for MSDI implementation in Denmark. We are currently developing a cross-agency business case for MSDI development.

I'm looking forward to working with the Member States of the MSDIWG on continuing to build on the momentum behind MSDI. Please take a moment to review the

attached documents and to send your feedback and preferences on the planning of the MSDIWG4 and the draft work programme that we can use to steer our discussions at the meeting.

I would appreciate your input and responses to the enclosed questions by Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the latest.

Sincerely,

Jens Peter Hartmann  
Chair of MSDIWG

Attachments:

- Questions to the MSDIWG Members
- Draft MSDIWG work programme
- Report of the MSDIWG to the HSSC4