

8TH WEND COMMITTEE MEETING
Tokyo, Japan, 5-6 March 2004

WEND RESOLUTION

The WEND Committee, at its 8th session,

- *Considering* the insufficient coverage with official ENC's in several regions,
- *Being concerned* about inconsistencies of official ENC's both within some regions and amongst different regions, potentially causing confusion with the mariner,
- *Noting* that current official ENC services often are patchy, heterogeneous and not sufficiently user friendly,
- *Noting* that the present problems with availability and user-friendliness of ENC services may adversely affect the acceptance of ENC's by the mariner for the use of ECDIS in navigation,
- *Being also concerned* that the slow uptake of official ENC's by the marketplace may jeopardise the goals to improve safety and efficiency of navigation pursued by IMO and IHO with introducing ECDIS as a navigation system satisfying the carriage requirement of SOLAS V/Reg 19 when used with official ENC's,
- *Recognising* the obligation of Coastal States under SOLAS V/Reg. 9 to provide hydrographic services and to produce nautical charts which results, in conjunction with Reg. 19, in a corresponding obligation to produce official ENC's,

Resolves,

(a) Where MS are not yet fully involved in ENC production:

1. IHO Members States are encouraged to work together in the Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHCs) to speed up ENC production, e.g. through *bilateral or multilateral assistance programmes*, or *seek cooperation* with any member HO offering training and/or production capacities on conditions to be mutually agreed,
2. RHCs should develop, where not yet existent, ENC production schemes and time schedules for the ENC production *for small scale coverage and prioritised routes and ports*, and should report the details to IHB as soon as possible;

(b) Where MS have already developed ENC's, but are not yet affiliated to an existing RENC:

1. IHO Member States are requested, where they have ENC's already produced but not released for public use yet, to make them available in compliance with SOLAS V, Reg. 9 and 19, and to facilitate inclusion with integrated services,
2. *RHCs* are asked in their region to *achieve a maximum degree of quality assurance and user-friendliness of services* in compliance with the WEND Principles, and to cooperate to this purpose with each other or with other HOs, e.g. by forming an own RENC, or by seeking the services of existing RENCs, and to inform IHB as soon as possible of the measures they have implemented, or are planning to implement.