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2nd Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission Meeting 2011

**To: Hydrographers of Denmark, Norway, Russian Federation, and United States,
and President of the International Hydrographic Bureau**

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to the 2nd Meeting of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission from **September 27-29, 2011**, to be hosted by the **Danish Maritime Safety Administration (DAMSA)** at the **Eigtveds Pakhus, 1448 København K, Copenhagen, Denmark**.

I am proposing an agenda which will include an open forum on the 27th and a 2-day business meeting with members of the Commission and observers and associated members (if any). The open forum is intended to allow for a spectrum of input from bodies with interest in Arctic hydrography including practitioners, regulators and users. I ask you to suggest organizations that may be willing to make presentations on the need or the delivery of hydrographic services in Arctic waters or in some cases polar regions in general. These organizations may include the International Maritime Organization, the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities, the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC), Hydrographic Offices with polar experience, Arctic shipping operators (e.g. cruise-line industry), and others. The Commission will then use the information presented at the open forum in its deliberations on priority setting and work plans.

A draft **Agenda** is attached as **Annex A**. In addition to suggestions for presenters at the open forum September 27, I invite you to send to my attention any **proposals for additional agenda items** giving an indication of the title, a brief description, recommendations and any actions required. Proposals to the agenda are requested by **August 10, 2011** (c.c. Sean Hinds at Sean.Hinds@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Conference Accommodation and local transportation details are attached in **Annex B** for your information. Please note the closing dates for reservations of accommodation.

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Meeting Registration, Annex C should be completed for each member of your delegation and forwarded to Commander Lars Hansen, DAMSA, (LHA@frv.dk or FAX +45 3257 4341) at your earliest opportunity.

Information updates will be posted to the **Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission** webpage, **hosted by the International Hydrographic Bureau**, as they become available.

I look forward to seeing you all in Copenhagen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Savithri Narayanan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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