Annex A to MACHC CBC

**MESOAMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (MACHC) CAPACITY BUILDING WORK PROGRAMME: MSI TRAINING COURSE, BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, 28 TO 30 JUNE 2017**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Description**

The 2017 IHO Capacity Building Work Programme allows for the provision of support for the delivery of, and attendance at an MSI training course with the objective of providing practical instruction and guidance to participants who are involved with MSI and the drafting of navigational warnings or the issuance of MSI for the high seas.

**Objective**

The training course is designed to provide practical guidance for those persons who are concerned with the drafting of radio navigational warnings or with the issuance of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) for the high seas under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The course is therefore not intended for policy or administrative persons but specifically for those involved with collating and issuing navigational warnings and will be conducted in English.

**Outcome**

Participants on the MSI course will gain knowledge of the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service, Maritime Safety Information (MSI), the role of the NAVAREA Coordinator, their role as National Coordinators, evaluating MSI and its suitability and application to navigational warning. Participants will engage in practical exercises to demonstrate their proficiency in the subject areas including charting.

Specifically the participants will:

1. Be informed of all events that could significantly affect the safety of navigation within their coastal region.
2. Assess all information in the light of expert knowledge for relevance to navigation in the coastal region.
3. Draft navigational warnings in accordance with the IMO/IHO/WMO Manual on MSI.
4. Pass NAVAREA Warnings for further promulgation to the NAVAREA Coordinator, using the quickest means possible.

**Duration**

3 days. 28 to 30 June 2017.