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Dear Colleagues,

a questionnaire on the status of MSDI in the Mediterranean and Black Sea Region was sent with the Letter in reference.

The feedback was evaluated and summarized by Cdr. Pizzeghello – MBSHC Ambassador to MSDIWG, and a Report was produced (see the enclosed document) to take into consideration the different points of view on MSDI within the Region.

As stated in the IHO Strategic Plan, to “*improve global coverage, availability and quality of hydrographic data, information, products and services and to facilitate access to such data, information, products and services*” represents one of the objects of the International Hydrographic Organization. Therefore, the development of MSDI at national, regional and global level is one of the ways to obtain such object through a step by step procedure.

The enclosed Report could be considered the first step to increase the MSDI awareness to move towards a common MSDI within the Region.

Kind regards,

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