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The International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities and the International Hydrographic Organization, being aware of the growing need for close co-operation in the technical and regional development activities of common interest to both organizations and their Members and Member States, and in accordance with the decision of the 2nd Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference of May 2000 and the decision of the IALA Council of June 2001, agree on the following;

- a) to continue their long standing co-operation in:
- i) the development of maritime safety information services world-wide,
 - ii) the development of standards of mutual interests to both organizations and
 - iii) the implementation and support for joint proposals and initiatives.

This co-operation would include electronic charting, co-ordination of ENC, VTS and AIS symbology, the development of symbology and displays for inland-waterway navigational charting, and the assessing of horizontal positioning procedures and accuracy, in accordance with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO), and other international, conventions, specifically:

- b) co-operate closely, on an equal basis, in joint subsidiary bodies that may be established by the two organizations, with or without other co-sponsoring bodies,
- c) co-operate in the exchange of information of mutual interest to the two organizations and co-operate in the use, integration, promotion, and the dissemination of publications and information,
- d) co-operate in the formulation of proposals for, and in the execution of, technical co-operation projects having components which fall within the competence and the expertise of the respective organizations, such as in the amended Sea Convention Chapter V of the International Convention of Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 74) (which will enter into force in July 2002), including advance exchange of relevant information and the formulation of other measures required to implement projects and promote the aims and objects of the two organizations,
- e) share the use of facilities, as far as practical
- f) to continue to accord to each other's representatives and experts observer status to attend and actively participate in meetings and conferences where subjects of specific interest to both organizations are being discussed,
- g) to continue to hold regular annual meetings between the IALA Secretary General and the IHB Directing Committee.

This Agreement should be reviewed and where necessary confirmed by future International Hydrographic Conferences and IALA Councils as technological developments require.

(original signed)
Secretary-General
IALA

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President of the
IHB Directing Committee