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Subject: Report and recommendations of the TSMAD Marine Environmental Protection Product Specification Task Group (TG)

To: - Captain Vaughan Nail
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Dear Captain Nail:

On behalf of the MesoAmerican-Caribbean Hydrographic Commission (MACHC), I am pleased to communicate to you our strong endorsement of the report and recommendations of the TSMAD Marine Environmental Protection Product Specification Task Group (TG). We note with great interest the progress that this recently established TG has made over the past year and feel that it is important for the group to continue to pursue its tasking from the CHRIS. The use of the S-100 standard for the transfer of many kinds of geospatial data for both navigation and non-navigation purposes has tremendous potential for our region, as well as other parts of the world. This includes the possibility of utilizing product specifications to create environmental overlays for electronic navigational charts, or for a variety of other environmental management and scientific endeavors. This initiative is an important step forward in advancing the enhanced vision of the IHO to both advance maritime safety and help protect the marine environment. We look forward to hearing about the future results from this effort.

Sincerely,

Contralmirante Jose J. Ocana Garcia, Chair
MesoAmerican-Caribbean Hydrographic Commission