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**APPROVAL OF REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND  
RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE IRCC**

Reference: IHO CL 44/2016 dated 12 September - *Revision of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC).*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Circular Letter in Reference invited Member States to review and consider adopting the revised Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC).
2. The IHO Secretariat thanks the 51 Member States that responded: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay. All responses were positive.
3. As of the date of issue of the Circular Letter in reference, there were 85 IHO Member States with three States suspended. Therefore, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article VI of the Convention on the IHO that was applicable when the consultation was initiated, the majority required for adoption of the revised Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the IRCC was 42. As a result, the proposed revised Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the IRCC have been approved and consequently adopted.
4. The revised Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the IRCC have now been uploaded to the IHO website under the IRCC section – Committees & WG → Inter-Regional Coordination Committee → Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

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Director