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**CIRCULAR LETTER 59/2017**  
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**REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONITORING OF INT CHARTS**

**Call for approval of:**

- **A Revision of IHO Publication S-11 Part A – Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International (INT) Chart and ENC Schemes**
  - **The deletion of IHO Resolution 1/1992 – Monitoring of INT Charts**

**References:**

- A IHO CL 41/2017 dated 19 June – *Adoption of Edition 3.0.0 of IHO Publication S-11 Part A – Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International (INT) Chart and ENC Schemes*;
- B. 5<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference - 6-10 October 2014 - *Report of Proceedings*;
- C. IHO CL51/2017 dated 01 September - *Outcome of the Ninth Meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC9)*;
- D. HSSC Letter 02/2017 dated 08 August - *Revisions of IHO Technical Standards - Approval of:*
  - *draft Edition 1.1.0 of S-66 - Facts about Electronic Charts and Carriage Requirements*
  - *draft Edition 4.1.0 of S-57 Appendix B.1 Annex A - Use of the Object Catalogue for ENC*
  - *draft Edition 3.1.0 of S-11 Part A - Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International (INT) Chart and ENC Schemes*;
- E. 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly P-6 – *Proceedings including List of Decisions*;
- F. IHO CL55/2017 dated 31 October - *Outcome of the First Meeting of the IHO Council*.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The adoption by the IHO Member States of Edition 3.0.0 of IHO Publication S-11 Part A – *Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International (INT) Chart and ENC Schemes* was announced in Reference A. This new Edition extended the scope of S-11 Part A in order to incorporate guidelines for the preparation and maintenance of small and medium scale ENC schemes; and align the Publication with the modernized S-11 Part B – *International Chart Web-Catalogue* and associated on-line web services. The document was also restructured to accommodate these changes, and reformatted as separate English and French versions rather than a bilingual document.

2. Decision 2.4 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (Reference B) tasked the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC) to review arrangements for the collection and examination of INT Charts and to consider the need to amend or develop relevant IHO Resolutions. As a result, a procedure incorporating a basic check-list for reviewing INT charts, developed by the Nautical Cartography Working Group (NCWG) and Regional INT Charts Coordinators, was agreed at IRCC-7 and implemented on a trial basis. On the basis of the experience gained so far, the IHO Secretariat proposed to the IRCC at its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to revoke IHO Resolution 1/1992 - *Monitoring of INT Charts* and to incorporate the new procedures in Section 100 of S-11 - Part A. The proposal was

endorsed by the IRCC (Reference C – Decision 45). The Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) endorsed the changes to Edition 3.0.0 of S-11 Part A proposed by the NCWG by HSSC Letter (see Reference D) and tasked the HSSC Chair to submit the revision to the IHO Council for endorsement, under the arrangements that are now in force as a result of the ratification of the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO; and following the establishment of the Council by the first session of the IHO Assembly (see Reference E - Decision No. 26).

3. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in October 2017, the IHO Council endorsed the revision of S-11 Part A and deletion of Resolution 1/1992, and tasked the IHO Secretariat to circulate draft revision 3.1.0 of S-11 Part A to IHO Member States, for their consideration and approval (see Reference F – Decisions C-1/20 and C-1/26 and Action C-1/21).

4. The proposed revision 3.1.0 of S-11 Part A and a marked up “redline” version are now available on the IHO website at: [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) > Standards & Publications > Draft Publications Awaiting Approval by Member States (*English version only*).

5. Member States are requested to take into account the endorsement of the IRCC, the HSSC and the IHO Council and to consider the adoption of the proposed revision 3.1.0 of S-11 Part A and deletion of Resolution 1/1992 by providing their reply on the Voting Form in Annex A, at their earliest convenience and **no later than 05 January 2018**.

On behalf of the Secretary-General

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abri KAMPFER', written in a cursive style.

Abri KAMPFER  
Director

Annex:

A. Voting Form

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**Voting Form**

*(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat by 05 January 2018)*  
E-mail: [cl-lc@iho.int](mailto:cl-lc@iho.int) - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40

Note: The boxes will expand as you type your answers.

**Member State:**

**Contact:**

**E-mail:**


**S-11 Part A – Guidance for the Preparation and Maintenance of International (INT) Chart and ENC Schemes – Approval of Edition 3.1.0**

Do you approve the adoption of Edition 3.1.0 of S-11 Part A (*tick the appropriate box*)?

YES

NO

If you answer 'NO', please explain your reasons in the comment section below.

**Comments:**

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**Deletion of IHO Resolution 1/1992 – Monitoring of INT Charts**

Do you approve the deletion of IHO Resolution 1/1992 (*tick the appropriate box*)?

YES

NO

If you answer 'NO', please explain your reasons in the comment section below.

**Comments:**

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**Signature :**

**Date :**
