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**IHO COMMITTEE ON THE HYDROGRAPHIC DICTIONARY**  
**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Reference: 1. XVth IH Conference, Decision No. 1  
2. IHB CL 27/1999

Dear Sir,

Under cover of Reference 2, the Bureau distributed the reviewed Terms of Reference of the IHO Committee on the Hydrographic Dictionary to Member States asking for objections and/or proposals for enhancements.

As no objections were raised and no proposals for enhancements were made, the Terms of Reference are now considered approved.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

Commodore John LEECH  
Director

Encl.: Annex A - Approved Terms of Reference

**IHO COMMITTEE ON THE HYDROGRAPHIC DICTIONARY****TERMS OF REFERENCE****Membership**

Membership of the IHO Committee on the Hydrographic Dictionary is open to all Member States wishing to participate. Representatives are nominated by IHO Member States. The Committee may invite observers to participate in its deliberations during and between meetings.

**Organization**

The Committee consists of a Chairperson who will conduct the business of the Committee, and the representatives nominated by IHO Member States. The Committee will conduct its business mainly by correspondence. Meetings will be held, if necessary, at intervals of about 2-3 years. The functioning of the Committee will be regulated by an internal document, the "Terms of Procedure".

The language sub-groups for English, French, and Spanish should work by correspondence only. Their activities are coordinated by the Committee representative for the respective language.

**Objectives**

1. Review and update the different volumes (English, French, and Spanish) of the Hydrographic Dictionary on a continuous basis.
2. Liaise with other IHO bodies developing publications containing glossaries to ensure consistency.
3. Liaise with bodies of other organizations developing dictionaries and/or glossaries.