

AMENDMENT TO THE IHO GENERAL REGULATIONS

Reference: 2nd Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference, Decision 6 (March 2000)

Dear Sir,

By Decision N° 6 of the Second Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference, it was decided :

- *to shorten the duration of future IH Conferences to one week;*
- *that the SPWG should refine the detailed arrangements for future Conferences, and, consequently, the IHB will submit a proposal for approval by Circular Letter before December 2000.*

The IHB is now preparing the programme of the XVIth I.H.Conference, to be held in 2002, and has issued Conference Circular Letter N°1, dated 19 July 2000. In this letter, a new Conference Format, to be refined by the Strategic Planning Working Group, has been proposed.

It will be necessary to amend some IHO Regulations so that they reflect the shorter duration of Conferences. In this respect, we draw your attention to the proposed day for the election of the Directing Committee, scheduled to take place in the afternoon of Wednesday, 17 April 2002.

The present Article 36 of the General Regulations of the IHO states :

"The directors shall be elected by the Conference in accordance with the provisions of Articles V(b), VI(4) and X(2) of the Convention. The election shall be held by secret ballot, as the first item on the agenda of the first plenary meeting following close of work in the Committees."

Independently of the refinement work that the SPWG may carry out and of any other proposals of harmonization which will be forwarded in due course to the IHO Member States, the Directing Committee would like to request now a specific vote from Member States (use Voting Paper in Annex A) to cancel the last part of the second sentence of G.R. Art. 36 so that the XVIth I.H. Conference preparations may progress rapidly. Replies should reach the Bureau **by 30 November 2000.**

The modified Article 36 of the IHO General Regulations reads as follows :

The directors shall be elected by the Conference in accordance with the provisions of Articles V(b), VI(4) and X(2) of the Convention. The election shall be held by secret ballot. ~~as the first item on the agenda of the first plenary meeting following close of work in the Committees.~~

With respect to the election of Directors, the Directing Committee reminds the IHO Member States that the former IHO Resolution S 2.2 and Rule for IH Conferences N° 59 which stated that :

“During the elections, delegates who are not entitled to vote, and observers, shall leave the Conference Hall”

were cancelled by Member States in response to CL 35/1996 and the Notice of Correction No.1/99 was distributed to Member States under cover of CL 44/1999.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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President

Annex A - Voting Paper

VOTING PAPER

(to be returned to the IHB, duly completed, by 30 November 2000)

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Article 36**

Do you agree to amending Article 36 of the General Regulations of the IHO to read as follows:

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YES NO

Comments (if any):.....
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Signature : _____