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XVTH INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE
DECISION NO. 1

Reference: XVth International Hydrographic Conference, Report of Proceedings Vol. 1, pp. 43-46

Dear Sir,

At the XVth International Hydrographic Conference in 1997, it was decided to replace Resolutions T 1.1 and T 1.2 by new texts (cf. above Reference). The new text adopted for Resolution T 1.1 states under 6.1 that “..... *Approved TOR for Committees and Boards shall be inserted in Section 2 of Chapter K of the IHO Resolutions (Publication M-3)*”. The objective of this part of Decision No. 1 was to document the Terms of Reference (TOR) clearly and to make them easily accessible.

After the Conference the IHB began collating the Terms of Reference of IHO Committees and Working Groups and tried, as far as possible, to keep the collection up to date. In doing this, the IHB noticed that most IHO bodies regularly review and propose amendments to their TOR during meetings every 1-2 years.

Therefore in order to comply with this Conference Decision, the IHB would need to prepare, print and distribute revised versions of Terms of Reference for nearly all IHO committees and working groups every 2 years. Taking into account the IHB resources that would be required to implement this Decision, the reduction of IHB staff resulting from the programme to re-structure the IHB and recent developments in communications technology (i.e. the IHO WEB site), it would appear that the objective of this part of Decision No. 1 could be attained more efficiently by posting the TOR on the IHO WEB site in the Member States-only section.

The IHB therefore proposes to modify the text of T 1.1, under 6.1 to read “..... *Approved Terms of Reference for Committees and Boards shall be posted on the IHO WEB site in the MS-only section.*”.

Member States are kindly requested to complete the attached Voting Form and return it to the Bureau **no later than 15 December 2000.** A simple majority of all Member States [cf. Convention on the IHO, Article VI (5) and (6)], is required for this proposal to be adopted, i.e. 33 Member States voting in favour.

Thank you for your cooperation.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President

Annex A: Voting Form

VOTING FORM
(to be returned to the IHB, duly filled out by 15 December 2000)

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We agree that the last sentence of paragraph 6.1 of Resolution T 1.1 be modified to read:

"Approved Terms of Reference for Committees and Boards shall be posted on the IHO WEB site in the Member States-only section."

YES

NO

Comments:
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Signature :