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19 February 2001

**MEMBER STATES APPROVE
AMENDMENT TO THE IHO GENERAL REGULATIONS**

Reference: IHB CL 44/2000 dated 28 September 2000.

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to advise you that a total of 49 replies were received in response to the above-referenced Circular Letter and that 45 Member States have voted in favour of amending Article 36 of the IHO General Regulations, as proposed in the CL. This represents the required two-thirds of Member States for changes to the General Regulations to be adopted and consequently Article 36 now reads as follows:

Article 36

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.

This new text¹ effectively provides more flexibility as regards the choice of the day when the elections of the new Directing Committee are to be held.

A detailed programme and agenda for the XVIth International Hydrographic Conference will be issued following the 6th Meeting of the Strategic Planning Working Group, which is scheduled to take place on 16-17 May 2001 (Norfolk, Virginia, USA). It is quite likely that the election of the Directors will take place on the morning of Friday, 19 April 2002, but this will be indicated in the detailed programme/agenda.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,