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**APPROVAL OF INSERTION OF NEW SECTION 5 IN CHAPTER R – FINANCIAL
ADMINISTRATION OF THE IHO ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS**

Reference: CL15/2004 dated 13 February 2004

Dear Hydrographer,

In the above referenced Circular Letter, Member States were asked to vote on a text drafted by the Bureau referring to the External Audit of the accounts of the Bureau and to be inserted as a new “Section 5” with the title “External Audit” in Chapter R- FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION of the IHO ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS.

According to paragraphs 5 and 6 of Article VI of the Convention a simple majority of the Member States is needed for the proposal’s approval. Attached you will find a list of those Member States who replied in support of the proposal and any comments received are also provided for your information.

We are therefore pleased to inform you that all 40 replies received are in support of this proposal and that this new text is therefore officially adopted.

The IHB will update the IHO Publication M-3 resolutions of the International Hydrographic Organisation to reflect this decision. A new updated version will then be available on the IHO website and on CD-Rom.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Encl/ 1 Table of positive replies

Table of Replies to CL15/2004

MEMBER STATE	Approved	Comments
(1) Algeria	X	The insertion of section 5 in Chapter R will give more independence to the External Auditor in the checking of accounts which enables more transparency of the financial management. We give our full approval to this proposal.
(2) Argentina	X	The External Auditor can make comments on the efficiency of the financial procedures, the accounting system and the initial financial controls and advise on possible solutions according to his criteria and interpretation of the laws and rules in force on the subject. (<i>Translation</i>)
(3) Australia	X	
(4) Brazil	X	
(5) Canada	X	
(6) Chile	X	It helps to improve the efficiency of the Organisation. .(<i>Translation</i>)
(7) China	X	
(8) Colombia	X	The Hydrographic Office of Colombia considers that all consumable operations must be supported by documents meeting all the legal requirements. In addition, before making payment to the External Auditor, the latter has to present the report to be considered by the members of the Finance Committee.(<i>Translation</i>)
(09) Croatia	X	
(10) Cyprus	X	
(11) Ecuador	X	To inform the Member States on the results of the External Auditor. (<i>Translation</i>)
(12) Egypt	X	Adding the proposed insertion would help the functionality of either the Directing Committee or Financial Committee
(13) Estonia	X	
(14) Finland	X	
(15) France	X	
(16) Greece	X	
(17) Iceland	X	
(18) India	X	The proposal of insertion of new section 5 in Chapter R is required for better financial control and time bound action
(19) Korea (Rep of)	X	
(20) Malaysia	X	
(21) Monaco	X	

(22) Morocco	X	This will bring more clarity and transparency to the financial management of the IHO
(23) Mozambique	X	
(24) Netherlands	X	
(25) Norway	X	
(26) Pakistan	X	
(27) Peru	X	It would be convenient to expand the description of the details concerning the work of the Auditor, as it is mentioned in the Circular Letter <i>(Translation)</i>
(28) Philippines	X	
(29) Poland	X	
(30) Portugal	X	
(31) Serbia & Montenegro	X	
(32) Singapore	X	
(33) Slovenia	X	
(34) South Africa	X	
(35) Sweden	X	
(36) Thailand	X	
(37) Tunisia	X	
(38) Turkey	X	
(39) Ukraine	X	
(40) UK	X	