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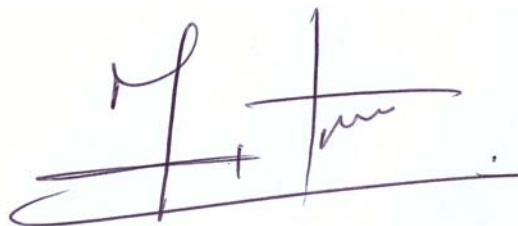
IHO TIDAL COMMITTEE - REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Reference: CL 79/2004 dated 29 November 2004.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The IHB would like to thank the following 43 Member States who replied to CL79/2004: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America.
2. All 43 replies approved the TOR and 6 countries added comments that are attached at Annex A.
3. Australia's proposal to include a new TOR "1.6 To liaise with other relevant international organizations." has been included. The other points raised are considered to fall within the existing TOR and these comments will be forwarded to the members of the Tidal Committee for future reference.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Annex A: Comments by Member States.

Annex B: Terms of Reference for IHO Tidal Committee

REPLIES TO CL79/2004

- Australia: Australia suggests that in order to better align the ToR with other IHO committees (such as CHRIS) the following ToR be added in section 1:
- 1.6 To liaise with other relevant international organizations.
- Chile: The former TORs provide the Rules of Procedure required for an effective operability and functionality of the Committee.
- Colombia: The Colombian Hydrographic Office recommends to include an additional term so that the IHO Tidal Committee coordinates with the Capacity Building Committee (CBC) the support and cooperation in the subjects related to tides, as the CBC has influence on the Regional Hydrographic Commissions.
- Ecuador: We consider these TOR are appropriate for Committee Financing.
- Indonesia: Vertical datums are very important to be discussed.
- Mexico: We consider that the corrections made to the TORs are convenient, as for practical purposes it is convenient to work in an homogenous way.
- Pakistan:
- a. The Tidal Committee should identify the areas lacking in appropriate tidal data gathering facilities and recommend the support / actions necessary.
 - b. Regional hydrographic Commissions should be brought about to play a more active role.

TERMS OF REFERENCE
for the
TIDAL COMMITTEE

Objective:

To provide technical advice and promote coordination on tidal issues within the IHO.

1. Terms of Reference

- 1.1 To make recommendations concerning any tidal and related matters requiring discussion, development and coordination within the IHO.
- 1.2 To cooperate with other IHO bodies where tidal matters are concerned.
- 1.3 To advise on questions related to vertical datums.
- 1.4 To advise on issues concerning the exchange and distribution of tidal and related data.
- 1.5 To advise on questions related to tidal observations, analysis and predictions.
- 1.6 To liaise with other relevant international organizations.

2. Rules of Procedure

- 2.1 The Committee is composed of representatives of Member States and a representative of the International Hydrographic Bureau.
- 2.2 Member States representatives, or the Committee as a whole, may invite observers to participate in its deliberations during and between committee meetings. Observers are not entitled to vote.
- 2.3 The Committee will conduct its business mainly by correspondence. Meetings will usually be held at intervals of about 18 months.
- 2.4 The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are elected by the Committee from its membership at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the International Hydrographic Conference.
- 2.5 The Chairperson is to submit a report each year for inclusion in the IHO Annual Report.
- 2.6 The Chairperson is to submit a report prior to each ordinary International Hydrographic Conference covering the Committee's affairs since the previous Conference.

Recommendations of the Committee will be submitted to the IHO Member States for adoption through the Directing Committee.
