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**MANUAL ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE
LAW OF THE SEA - 1982 (IHO PUBLICATION S-51 - 4th EDITION)**

Dear Hydrographer,

In accordance with its TOR ABLOS established an Editorial WG to review S-51 and prepare a revised 4th Edition in English. This work has now been completed. It is intended that this now remain as a digital publication although a printed copy can be provided if requested. The 4th Edition can be downloaded from the publications section of the IHO web site.

The 3rd Edition was printed in English, French and Spanish and the IHB would be pleased to receive offers from Member States to prepare French and Spanish texts of the 4th Edition. Member States are requested to provide any comments on the English version by 1 June 2006 prior to any translation work taking place.

The IHB would like to thank the members of the editorial group: Ron Macnab - Canada (Chairman), Lars Sjoberg -Sweden, Carlo Dardengo - Italy, Chris Carleton - UK, Shin Tani - Japan and Steve Shipman - IHB for their work in producing the 4th Edition. The IHB also acknowledges the extensive effort of Japan in preparing revised figures for the 4th Edition.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. Maratos", written over a horizontal line.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

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