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14 January 2008**

**REVIEW OF TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS (M-3)
BY THE ADVISORY BOARD ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (ABLOS)**

Dear Hydrographer,

- 1 ABLOS has reviewed Technical Resolution (M-3) K4.4 and proposes a revised text as set out in Annex A.
- 2 Member States are requested to review this revised text and indicate their acceptance or otherwise by completing the voting form at Annex B and returning it to the **IHB by 3 March 2008**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Annex A: Revised Resolution K4.4
Annex B: Voting Form

K4.4 TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE LAW OF THE SEA

~~Recognizing the importance of the delimitation of the continental shelf, in accordance with the UNCLOS,~~

~~Further recognizing the difficulties in the application of Article 76 of the UNCLOS,~~

~~Considering the contribution of the IHO IAG Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) in the explanation of the technical aspects of the Law of the Sea,~~

~~It is strongly recommended that the IHB should:~~

- ~~1) Maintain a register of experts who may be called upon to provide Member States with Technical Assistance related to the delimitation of the continental shelf and other matters concerning technical aspects of delimitation;~~
- ~~2) Encourage the development of the specialized courses in matters of Law of the Sea of concern to hydrographers and marine cartographers,~~
- ~~3) Support the preparation and the publication of Manuals and other literature, which assist Hydrographic Offices and others to understand technical aspects of the Law of the Sea.~~

The IHO,

RECOGNIZING the importance of the delimitation and delineation of coastal States' maritime zones and in particular the delineation of the continental shelf, in accordance with the UNCLOS and the technical difficulties in the application of these provisions,

FURTHER RECOGNIZING the contribution of the IHO-IAG Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS),

REQUESTS the IHB to:

- 1) Maintain a register of experts who may be called upon to provide Member States with Technical Assistance related to the delimitation and delineation of maritime zones and the continental shelf and other matters concerning technical aspects of delimitation and delineation;*
- 2) Encourage the development of specialized courses in matters of Law of the Sea of concern to hydrographers and marine cartographers,*
- 3) Support the preparation and the publication of manuals and other literature, which will be of assistance to Hydrographic Offices and others in the understanding of the technical aspects of the Law of the Sea.*

Adoption of new / amended Resolutions

Voting FORM

(to be returned to the IHB by 3rd March 2008

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Member State:

Do you approve the revised TR K4.4

YES

NO

Comments (if any):

Name / Signature

Date: