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**LIST OF BOOKLETS ON CHART SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS
PUBLISHED BY VARIOUS MARITIME COUNTRIES
PUBLICATION M-15 AND TECHNICAL RESOLUTION K1.1**

References: a) IHB CL 105/2008 dated 15 December
b) Publication M-3 *Resolutions of the IHO*

Dear Hydrographer,

1 IHB CL 105/2008 proposed that the publication of M-15 be discontinued, and that the associated Resolution K1.1 be cancelled.

2 The IHB would like to thank the following 44 Member States who replied to CL 105/2008: Algeria; Argentina; Australia; Bangladesh; Belgium; Brazil; Canada; Chile; Cuba; Cyprus; Denmark; Ecuador; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Iceland; India; Italy; Japan; Korea Rep of; Latvia; Malaysia; Mexico; Monaco; Morocco; Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; Pakistan; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Singapore; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Tunisia; Turkey; UK and USA. Of these, 41 Member States supported the proposal.

3 Mexico considered that, since not all Member States have adopted INT 1 yet, M-15 was a valuable help to enable mariners to identify the symbols and abbreviations used on each country's charts; as a result they did not support the proposal. France and Monaco did not support the proposal on the grounds that the proposal was not accompanied by a further proposal to amend M-4 Specification B-151.1, which includes a reference to Resolution K1.1. Noting these views, the IHB will invite the HSSC/CSPCWG to revise M-4 B-151.1 accordingly and with a view to encouraging Member States to develop / maintain their national version of INT 1 and to make it easily accessible.

4 In accordance with the Convention on the IHO Article VI paragraph 6, a simple majority of eligible Member States is required to approve amendments to Resolutions. This simple majority is currently 40 Member States. The proposal has therefore been approved. Resolution K1.1 is cancelled and Publication M-15 is discontinued. Publication M-3 *Resolutions of the IHO* will be amended at the next opportunity.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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Director