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### NAVIGABLE INLAND WATERS

Reference: CONF.EX4/REP.2

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Hydrography and Cartography in Inland Waters Working Group (HCIWWG), in its report to the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference, proposed a draft definition of "Navigable Inland Waters". The Conference was informed that this draft definition had been passed to the Hydrographic Dictionary Working Group (HDWG) for further consideration.

2 The recommendation of the HDWG was endorsed, with one editorial amendment, by HSSC1 at its meeting in Singapore last month and is now forwarded to Member States for adoption:

*Navigable Inland\* Waters* - Those navigable areas of water, within land boundaries, such as rivers, lakes, lagoons, channels, etc, upon which vessels need to navigate and for which navigational supporting tasks, such as hydrography and nautical cartography may be required.

\*Note: This definition must not be confused with the legal definition of Internal Waters given in UNCLOS Article 8.

3 Member States are requested to complete the voting form at Annex A and return it to the IHB by Monday 7 December 2009.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,



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Director, IHB

Annex A: Voting Form

**VOTING FORM**

*(to be returned to the IHB by 7 December 2009  
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**Member State:** .....

**Contact:**.....

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**ADOPTION OF THE DEFINITION OF NAVIGABLE INLAND WATERS**

1. Do you agree with the definition of Navigable Inland Waters as set out in paragraph 2 above?

YES

NO

Comments (if required)


Name/Signature: .....Date: .....