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PROPOSAL TO AMEND IHO RESOLUTION 6/1932, AS AMENDED, ON THE "STUDY OF MEAN SEA LEVEL"

Dear Hydrographer,

- At its third meeting in 2011 the Tidal and Water Level WG (TWLWG) reviewed those IHO resolutions relevant to its area of competence included in publication M-3 *Resolutions of the IHO*. TWLWG concluded that there was merit in stating more precisely the meaning of "Long Term" in resolution 6/1932, as amended, on "Study of Mean Sea Level".
- 2 Consequently TWLWG proposed an amendment to the third meeting of HSSC, which the HSSC endorsed and invited the IHB to circulate to Member States for adoption. The revised draft text is at Annex A.
- 3 IHO Member States are invited to return the Voting Form, at Annex B, duly completed along with comments, if any, to reach the IHB by 1 February 2012.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS President

Annex A: New text Annex B: Voting paper Note: New text is shown in red italics.

STUDY OF MEAN SEA LEVEL	6/1932 as amended	26/1965	A6.5	
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- 1 It is recommended that the IHB encourage Member States to carry out systematic, long-term tidal observations, *records of typically 40 years or longer*, in view of the importance of monthly and secular variations of mean sea level in connection with tidal prediction.
- 2 It is recommended that Member States make such data available for publication by the Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level of the International Council of Scientific Unions, since that service publishes regular monthly and annual values of mean sea level for tidal stations throughout the world.

VOTING FORM

[to be returned to the IHB by <u>01 February 2012</u> E-mail: info@ihb.mc - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40]

Member State:		
Contact name:		
Contact E-mail:		
Do you agree t CL?	to the amendments to IHO Resolution 6/1932, as amended, as shown in Annex A	of this
	Yes or No?:	
Any comments on	the proposed amendment?	
Name/Signature:	Date:	