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WORK OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS WORKING GROUP (SRWG)

References: a) CL 43/2010 dated 26 July
b) CL 47/2010 dated 04 August

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The XVIIth International Hydrographic Conference (IHC) established a working group, by Conference Decision No. 18, to study and propose a new edition of the IHB Staff Regulations. The Staff Regulations Working Group (SRWG) was tasked to conduct a holistic review of the existing IHB SR and to provide a report on its work to Member States by Circular Letter in 2009. The Chair and Vice-Chair were undertaken by Germany and UK respectively. The SRWG was composed only of the Chair and Vice-Chair and USA as a member.

2 The SRWG submitted its report to Member States with reference a) which was later withdrawn with reference b), due to further work that was needed. The German Hydrographic Office (BSH) subsequently informed the Bureau that the Chair of the SRWG, Mrs Hering, had moved to another service and she could not continue providing her services. The UKHO has accepted to undertake the Chairmanship of the SRWG.

3 The SRWG Report will be provided by the end of March by the new Chair. Further work will be required by the SRWG and also wider participation by the Member States. Bearing this in mind, Member States are asked to come to the Conference prepared to contribute to this issue and to nominate representatives to the SRWG.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

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President