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**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO ADVISE ECUADOR
ON POTENTIAL EXTENSION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF**

Dear Hydrographer,

1 You may be aware that Ecuador acceded to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on 24 September 2012. The IHB Directing Committee welcomes the accession of another IHO Member State to this fundamental international instrument.

2 Following that accession, the Hydrographic Office of Ecuador has been tasked to study the potential extensions of the continental shelf around the Galapagos Islands. In that context, the Hydrographer of Ecuador has informed the Directing Committee that he is searching for experts in marine geophysics and geology from IHO Member States or from the IAG-IHO Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) who could provide advice on this matter.

3 Experts interested in the subject are invited to contact the *Instituto Oceanográfico de la Armada* at: inocar@inocar.mil.ec, direccion@inocar.mil.ec or sub-direccion@inocar.mil.ec or by telephone: + 593 4 2481 300.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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