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PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE IHO RESOLUTION 1/2005, AS AMENDED
Response to Disasters

References:

- A. IHO CL 64/2013 dated 11 November – *Outcome of the fifth meeting of the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC5)*
- B. IHO Resolution 1/2005, as amended – *IHO Response to Disasters*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A informed Member States of the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC-5). The Committee discussed and endorsed a proposal submitted by France (*doc. IRCC5-07B*) to modify IHO Resolution 1/2005, as amended, on IHO Response to Disasters (Reference B). As a result, Action IRCC-5/32 tasked the IHB to seek the approval of the modifications by Member States.
2. The proposed modifications include an expansion of the title of the Resolution and the inclusion of certain preparatory and preventative measures, such as the exchange of near real-time sea-level data and also cooperation and coordination with the IHB, Regional Hydrographic Commissions, other States and international organizations. The proposal is available on the IHO website at: (www.iho.int → Committees & WG → IRCC → IRCC5 → *doc IRCC5-07C*).
3. Following the endorsement of IRCC-5, the following changes to the current version of the Resolution are now proposed to Member States:

Title of the Resolution:

Current title: IHO Response to Disasters

Proposed title: IHO Response to *Marine* Disasters, *and Contribution to Prevention and Alert Systems*

In the main part of the Resolution, in the Introduction paragraph:

Current version: “... It is also very important for Coastal States to collect relevant coastal and bathymetric data in their areas of responsibility and to make this available to the appropriate organizations to support the establishment and improvement of tsunami early warning systems, protection of coastal areas and relevant simulation studies. Any necessary regional cooperation for the collection of shallow and deep-water bathymetry can be coordinated through the IHB in liaison with the relevant Regional Hydrographic Commission, IHO Member States, other Coastal States and relevant International Organizations as appropriate.”

Proposed version: It is also very important for Coastal States to collect relevant coastal and bathymetric data in their areas of responsibility and to make this available to the appropriate organizations to support the establishment and improvement of tsunami early warning systems,

protection of coastal areas and relevant simulation studies. *Coastal States must also cooperate to set up sea-level and tide gauges networks, procedure and systems for the exchange and transmission, in near real time (1 to 5 min), of sea-level data, properly sampled (~ 1 min rather than 15 min or 1 h), likely to provide early warnings of tsunamis and storm surges.* Any necessary regional cooperation for the collection of ~~data shallow and deep water bathymetry~~ can be coordinated through the IHB in liaison with the relevant Regional Hydrographic Commission, IHO Member States, other Coastal States and relevant International Organizations as appropriate *such as the IOC (www.ioc-tsunami.org)*.

4. Member States are requested to note the endorsement of the IRCC of the proposed changes and to consider the adoption of the above changes. Replies should be sent to the IHB using the Voting Form, provided in Annex, **no later than 01 April 2014**.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,



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Director

Annex: Voting Form – Approval of Amendments to IHO Resolution 1/2005, as amended.

**IHO RESPONSE TO DISASTERS
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO IHO RESOLUTION 1/2005, AS AMENDED
VOTING FORM**

(to be returned to the IHB **no later than 01 April 2014**)

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Do you approve the adoption of the proposed amendments to IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended?

YES

NO

Comments (if required)

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