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**CANCELLATION OF THE VOTE ON  
THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR EDITION 5.0.0 OF THE IHO STANDARD  
S-58 – ENC VALIDATION CHECKS**

References:

- A. IHO CL 08/2015 dated 16 January – *Implementation date for edition 5.0.0 of the IHO Standard S-58 - ENC Validation checks;*
- B. IHO Resolution 2/2007 as amended - *Principles and procedures for making changes to IHO technical standards and specifications.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Reference A sought the approval of Member States to set 1 January 2016 as the implementation date for Edition 5.0.0 of the IHO Standard S-58 - *ENC Validation Checks*. After that implementation date, Edition 4.2.0 would be retired and only S-58 Edition 5.0.0 would be fully in force and would require that ENC data must not contain any critical error.
2. The Directing Committee has just been informed by the Chair of the ENC Standard Maintenance Working Group that a number of inconsistencies, grammatical omissions and some logic errors had been identified and that a revised version will be necessary to address these issues. The revision is being prepared by the Working Group.
3. As a consequence, **the vote by the CL in Reference A is cancelled.**
4. A draft revised version of Edition 5.0.0 of S-58 will be submitted for the approval of the Member States together with the appropriate proposed implementation date, after its endorsement by the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC), in accordance with Reference B.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gilles Bessero', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Gilles BESSERO  
Director

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