

18th CHRIS MEETING
Cairns, Australia, 25-29 September 2006

COMMITTEE ON HYDROGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS
(CHRIS)

Terms of Reference and Proposed Amendments

Considering the need to promote and coordinate the development of standards, specifications and guidelines for official hydrographic products and services, to meet the requirements of mariners and other users of hydrographic information, the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) establishes a Committee on Hydrographic Requirements for Information Systems (CHRIS) with the following Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure:

1. Terms of Reference

1.1 To monitor the requirements of mariners and other users of hydrographic information associated with development and use of paper hydrographic products and electronic information systems that may require data provided by national hydrographic authorities, and identify those technical matters that may affect the activities and products of those authorities.

1.2 To study and propose methods and minimum standards for the development and provision of official hydrographic data, nautical products and other related services.

1.3 To prepare and maintain publications to describe and promote the recommended methods, standards, specifications and guidelines as adopted by the IHO, and advise IHO Member States about implementation procedures.

1.4 To consider alternative procedures for the timely production of standards, for example by using external expertise when necessary.

1.5 To establish and maintain contact with other relevant IHO bodies, such as the Committee on WEND, the Legal Advisory Group, etc, to ensure that IHO activities are coordinated.

1.6 To liaise with other relevant international organizations.

2. Rules of Procedure

2.1 The Committee is composed of Representatives of Member States and a representative of the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB).

2.2 Accredited Non-Governmental International Organizations (NGIO's) may attend Committee Meetings.

2.3 Meetings shall be held at least once a year. The venue and date will be announced at least three months in advance.

2.4 Decisions should generally be made by consensus. If votes are required on issues or to endorse proposals presented to the Committee, only Member States may cast a vote. Votes shall be on the basis of one vote per Member State represented.

2.5 The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be a representative of a Member State. The election of the

Supprimé : <#>The length of tenure of the Chair and Vice-Chair is governed by IHO Technical Resolution T1.1.¶

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Chair and Vice-Chair shall be decided at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the Conference (Conference to be replaced by Assembly when the revised IHO Convention enters force) and shall be determined by vote of the Member States present and voting.

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2.5 bis. If the Chair is unable to carry out the duties of the office, the Vice-Chair shall act as the Chair with the same powers and duties.

2.6 The Committee will progress its work primarily through Working Groups, each of which will address specific tasks. Working Groups will operate by correspondence to the maximum extent practicable.

2.7 Recommendations of the Committee will be submitted to the Member States for adoption through the IHB Directing Committee.

Reference:

Supprimé : IHO Circular Letter 16/2006 dated 30 January 2006