

**9TH MEETING OF THE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(HSSC-9)
Ottawa, Canada, 6 - 10 November 2017**

FINAL MINUTES

- Notes:**
- 1) The numbering of sections is the same as in the agenda, although the order of taking the items was not exactly followed.
 - 2) The decisions and actions are listed in Annex C only. When reading the text in the main part of the report, click on the hyperlink to view the associated action if any. Then, when in Annex C, press **ALT+ left arrow** on your keyboard to return to the original section in the main part of the report.
 - 3) All documents referred to in these report are available and “hyperlinked” to the HSSC page of the IHO website (www.iho.int > Committees & WGs > HSSC > HSSC-9).

- Annexes:**
- A [Terms of Reference of the Data Quality Working Group \(DQWG\)](#).
 - B [Terms of Reference of the Hydrographic Dictionary Working Group \(HDWG\)](#).
 - C [List of Decisions and Actions arising from HSSC-9](#).

5.6 Project Team on Standards for Hydrographic Surveys (HSPT)

Doc: HSSC9-05.6A [Report and Recommendations of HSPT \(HSPT Chair\) - Presentation](#)

The HSPT Chair reported that the project team held its 1st meeting in June 2017. It identified a number of the limitations in the current version of S-44 and discussed why they were considered to be weaknesses. The HSPT has also produced a [questionnaire](#) intended to gauge the views of users and stakeholders. The next HSPT meeting is tentatively planned for July 2018 in Niterói, Brazil. The meeting will consider different approaches in order to develop a progress report for HSSC-10.

Following a question from Italy on what extent the results of the questionnaire will influence the way forward, it was indicated that the responses would be used as a guide, however currently the matrix approach is the HSPT’s preferred method.

Outcome:

- Noting that it was one of the key priorities of the IHO Work Programme highlighted to the Council, the Committee commended the work done by the HSPT up to now and encouraged to pursue it as proposed in its report.

→ Decision [HSSC9/37](#)