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Proposal to amend IHO Resolution 6/2009 as amended

Submitted by:	IHO Secretariat
Executive Summary:	This paper proposes amendments to the IHO Resolution 6/2009 as amended.
Related Documents:	IHO Publication P-1 <i>International Hydrographic Review (IHR)</i> .
Related Projects:	Scanning project for a repository of the complete collection of IHR

1. Introduction / Background

The current digital editions of the IHR are available from the IHO website in PDF and free of charge (www.iho.int/download).

As announced in the 2017 Annual Report, the IHO Secretariat has been working with the University of New Brunswick (UNB), Canada, in a project to develop a digital repository of the complete library of the IHR. As a result, the first phase of the project now provides access to volumes from 1963 to 2015. They can be found at <https://journals.lib.unb.ca/index.php/ihr>.

Work led by Dr Dave Wells with the UNB is underway to scan the volumes from 1923 to 1962 that is expected to be ready before the end of 2018.

2. Analysis/Discussion

The IHR has been published since 1923 and is regulated by the IHO Resolution 6/2009 as amended. This paper proposes amendments to the resolution in order to bring more flexibility in the management and publishing of IHR volumes, as indicated in the Annex in red.

3. Conclusions and recommendations

The IHR will improve the access to important elements of the history of the IHO. The availability of the complete collection of the IHR in a dedicated journal will provide searching capability for users and access through a network of libraries.

The IRCC is invited to consider the amendments provided by the IHO Secretariat in the Annex.

4. Action Required of IRCC

The IRCC is invited to:

- a. endorse the amendments to the IHO Resolution 6/2009 (Annex) and request the IHO Secretariat to seek Member States approval.
- b. take any other action as deemed appropriate.

Annex: draft amended IHO Resolution 6/2009

INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW	6/2009 as amended	IHO-A-1CL nn/2017	Q2.5
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1 Background

The International Hydrographic Review (IHR) is an international journal publishing peer-reviewed papers on all aspects of hydrography and associated subjects, ranging from the latest technical developments to history. It was first published in 1921 and since then has been published regularly with two or three issues per year. In September 2000 the IHR, which had until then been compiled and published internally by the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) (now IHO Secretariat), was transferred to a private publisher aiming at improving the scope and quality of the IHR, to widen the circulation and to reduce costs. In October 2007 the Directing Committee was informed by the publisher that they were no longer prepared to renew the contract due to financial circumstances. After a detailed study, the Directing Committee concluded that there were no realistic possibilities for the IHO to continue the publication of the IHR in its traditional form without a significant increase in costs and expenditure and proposed to the Member States to go digital. The decision adopted by the Member States was to publish the IHR as a web-based publication, with peer-reviewed articles, with two editions a year and an annual printed copy consisting of a compilation of the articles, initially for IHO Member States only.

Member States also agreed ~~with the Directing Committee to invite the former IHR Editor, who accepted, to continue as Editor for 2009 and 2010, the period of transition to the new IHR format. The to have the Editor will contribute to the IHO Secretariat~~ as a “part time” collaborator, in accordance with terms of reference agreed with the IHO Secretariat. ~~After 2010 the position will be open to competition.~~

2 The Digital International Hydrographic Review

A digital version of the publication was introduced in 2009 with the editions placed on the IHO ~~W~~web-site twice a year, in May and November. Access ~~will be is~~ open to all and free of charge. As with the previous hard copy version, strict standards of review and editing ~~will be are~~ maintained. Once a year a hard copy compendium will be produced that will be available to Member States⁺ only and will provide an ongoing historical record. Member States – particularly their staff and cooperating industries - are strongly ~~ur~~encouraged to contribute to the Review as an important means of sharing information on their activities and developments within the hydrographic community. Individuals and organiz~~at~~ions working in the field, but outside the Member States’ Hydrographic Offices, are also ~~invit~~urged to contribute.

Given the multi-lingual nature of the community, potential contributors should not be intimidated by concerns over language as any linguistic problems ~~will may~~ be handled ~~by the Editor and the Editorial Board~~ during the editing process. Likewise the work of developing hydrographic offices is as important as that of the developed, well equipped offices, in the overall discussions on progress in the profession. It is hoped that contributions will be received from all sectors of the hydrographic community. Material should be sent to the Editor ~~or directly to the IHO Secretariat to meet deadlines of the end of January and the end of July~~ in accordance with paragraph 4.

3 The IHR Format

The IHR is composed of four parts: Editorial, Articles, Notes and General Information:

a) Editorial:

This part will be written by the IHR Editor and will be a maximum of one-page highlighting the content of the edition, motivating the reader to get into the subjects content. This page will include a photo of the IHR Editor. The IHR Editor might wish to liaise with any Regional Hydrographic Commission Chairs or the Secretary-General / Directors for the purpose of including relevant messages or concepts associated to the content of the IHR. The Editorial shall be approved by the Secretary-General / relevant Director.

b) Articles:

⁺~~The IHO Secretariat after having put in place the IHR in its digital format will investigate whether companies/manufacturers of hydrographic equipment would be interested in advertising their products in the printed copies, as was the case in the past. In this way IHO will establish better cooperation with various stakeholders/companies and have an income with which it will be in a better position to support the IHR.~~

It is expected that articles will be between 4,000 and 6,000 words long, although longer articles may be considered. Articles will concern hydrography and associated subjects. Unpublished articles that have not yet been submitted for publication elsewhere will be given priority. All articles will be peer-reviewed.

- c) Notes:
Notes are expected to be between 1,500 and 2,500 words long. Notes are brief records of testimony of an event, a meeting, a conference, an action, a speech or a particular circumstance. Notes will not be refereed but will be subject to editorial comment and amendments.
- d) General Information:
Falling under this part will be contributions on matters providing general information to the community. These may include, as examples: a book review, a calendar of forthcoming events, letters to the Editor and the corresponding reply if pertinent, and any Obituaries.

4 The IHR ~~online on the IHO website~~

The IHR will be ~~posted on~~ accessible from the IHO website, ~~with an icon labelled “International Hydrographic Review”. Clicking on the icon will open a page providing a short explanation on what the IHR is about. The screen web page will also~~ provide details for contacting the Editor, ~~and information on deadlines for contributing to the next and future editions. Two further icons will lead to:~~ and Instructions for cContributors and access to the IHR Editions online editions.

~~Instructions for Contributors: contributors will access the “technical instructions” required to submit Articles, Notes or General Information.~~

~~IHR E~~online editions: the reader will access the different ~~years and~~ IHR eEditions. ~~The content may be on the IHO website or in a repository elsewhere. After selecting the Edition required, the corresponding edition will open displaying a Table of Contents for that edition, including: Editorial, Articles, Notes and General Information. By selecting any section, the system will take the navigator to the relevant text.~~

5 The IHR Editorial Board

The IHR will have an Editorial Board to help the IHR Editor in keeping a good standard of the Review. The Editorial Board will be comprised of representatives of all Regional Hydrographic Commissions, who are expected to encourage the following activities at a regional level:

- a) Motivate Member States in his/her region to submit Articles, Notes and General Information suitable for the IHR;
- b) Contribute with relevant Notes after holding RHC’s Meetings or other IHO-related events;
- c) Search and identify suitable and available experts in their region who could volunteer to peer-review the Articles, to ensure the peer-review process; and
- d) Provide the Editor with key information to be highlighted in the Editorial of the IHR.