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**XIXth INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE /
1st SESSION OF THE IHO ASSEMBLY**

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INVITED OBSERVERS

References:

- A. General Regulations of the IHO, Article 6 - *International Hydrographic Conference*
- B. Rules of Procedure for International Hydrographic Conferences, Rule 5 - *Invitation to Observers*
- C. Conference Circular Letter No.1 dated 21 April 2016 - *Announcement and General Arrangements*
- D. EIHC-5 Conference Circular Letter No. 6 dated 30 October 2013 - *Invited Observers - Submission of Final Lists for Approval*
- E. EIHC-5 Conference Circular Letter No. 7 dated 29 January 2014 - *Approval of Lists of Observers*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. References A and B indicate that the Directing Committee shall invite the following as Observers to International Hydrographic Conferences (IHC):
 - a. Governments that are not Parties to the Convention: one or two Observers each, if proposed by a Member or by the Bureau, and subject to approval by two-thirds of the Members;
 - b. Member Governments with rights suspended under Article XV of the Convention, as implemented in accordance with Articles 16 and 17 of the Financial Regulations: one or two Observers each, one of whom should preferably be the head of the national Hydrographic Office;
 - c. Intergovernmental organizations with which an agreement or special arrangement has been made: one or exceptionally two Observers each; and
 - d. Non-governmental international organizations with which the Organization has established appropriate relationships in accordance with the Guidelines for the Accreditation of Non-Governmental International Organizations: one or exceptionally two Observers each.
2. In accordance with the new General Regulations of the IHO (not yet in force), similar provisions would apply in the case of the first session of the IHO Assembly (A-1).
3. The Directing Committee has prepared a list (see Annex A) according to each of the categories described above, indicating the governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental international organizations that are eligible to be invited to send Observers to the XIXth International Hydrographic Conference/1st session of the IHO Assembly (IHC-19/A-1).
4. In addition, the Directing Committee provides a list in Annex B that shows those other organizations, including a few national organizations, that Member States have previously agreed should be invited to send Observers to IHC. The list indicates those organizations that attended IHC-17, EIHC-4, IHC-18 or EIHC-5.

5. In accordance with the schedule at Annex B of Reference C, the Directing Committee is now asking Member States to review the lists in the Annexes and to provide comments, if they wish. The Directing Committee particularly requests a careful review of the list in Annex B that shows those non-accredited organizations that were invited to EIHC-5 (see References D and E). The Directing Committee proposes inviting to the IHC-19/A-1 only those organizations that are specifically nominated by Member States.

Action Requested of Member States

6. Member States are asked to mark up a copy of Annex B, indicating those organizations that they consider should be invited to IHC-19/A-1. Member States are also invited to forward any other comments on the lists in general, and to propose any additional organizations that they consider should be invited, together with a short justification. The Directing Committee will then draw up proposed final lists of governments and organizations to be invited to IHC-19/A-1 and will submit those lists to Member States for approval as required by References A and B.

7. Nominations should reach the IHB by **15 August 2016**. The Directing Committee will consider a possible adjustment of the closing date if the revised Convention is approved by the required majority before that date.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,



Robert WARD
President

Annex A: List of non-IHO States, suspended IHO Member States, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental international organizations.

Annex B: List of other organizations that could be invited to participate in the XIXth International Hydrographic Conference / 1st Session of the IHO Assembly.

**LIST OF NON-IHO STATES, SUSPENDED IHO MEMBER STATES,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Notes:

The list is based on the list of UN members. Non-UN members, that are members of a UN Agency such as IAEA, IMO and UNESCO, are also listed.

States marked (#) have been approved to join the IHO, but have yet to deposit their Instruments of Accession.

States marked (§) have applied to join the IHO, but have yet to receive the necessary majority of approvals.

States marked (a) are Associate Members of at least one Regional Hydrographic Commission but are not Member States of the IHO.

States marked (*) are not Member States of the IMO.

States shown in italics are land-locked: in other words, a country entirely enclosed by land, or whose only coastlines lie on closed seas.

1. List of governments that are not Parties to the Convention on the IHO

(*)	<i>Afghanistan</i>	Ghana	(*)	<i>Niger</i>	
	Albania	Grenada	(*)(a)	Niue	
(*)	<i>Andorra</i>	(a)	Guinea	(a)	Palau
(a)	Angola	(a)	Guinea Bissau	(*)(a)	Palestine
(a)	Antigua and Barbuda	(a)	Guyana	(a)	Panama
(*)	<i>Armenia</i>	(#)(a)	Haiti	(a)	<i>Paraguay</i>
	<i>Austria</i>	(*)	<i>Holy See</i>	(*)	<i>Republic of Moldova</i>
	<i>Azerbaijan</i>	(a)	Honduras	(*)	<i>Rwanda</i>
	Bahamas		<i>Hungary</i>	(a)	Saint Kitts & Nevis
(a)	Barbados	(a)	Iraq	(a)	Saint Lucia
(*)	<i>Belarus</i>	(a)	Israel	(a)	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
(a)	Belize		Jordan	(a)	Samoa
(a)	Benin		<i>Kazakhstan</i>		<i>San Marino</i>
(*)	<i>Bhutan</i>	(a)	Kenya		Sao Tomé & Príncipe
	<i>Bolivia</i>	(a)	Kiribati	(a)	Senegal
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	(*)	<i>Kyrgyzstan</i>	(a)	Seychelles
(*)	<i>Botswana</i>	(*)	<i>Lao People's Democratic Republic</i>	(#)	Sierra Leone
(#)(a)	Bulgaria		Lebanon		<i>Slovakia</i>
(*)	<i>Burkina Faso</i>	(*)	<i>Lesotho</i>	(§)(a)	Solomon Islands
(*)	<i>Burundi</i>		Liberia		Somalia

(a)	Cabo Verde	Libya	(*)	<i>South Sudan</i>	
	Cambodia	(*)	<i>Liechtenstein</i>	Sudan	
(*)	<i>Central African Republic</i>	(a)	Lithuania	(*)	<i>Swaziland</i>
(*)	<i>Chad</i>		<i>Luxembourg</i>		<i>Switzerland</i>
(a)	Comoros	(a)	Madagascar	(*)	<i>Tajikistan</i>
(§)(a)	Congo	(*)(a)	<i>Malawi</i>		<i>The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</i>
(a)	Cook Islands		Maldives		Timor-Leste
(a)	Costa Rica		<i>Mali</i>	(a)	Togo
(a)	Côte d'Ivoire	(§)(a)	Malta		<i>Turkmenistan</i>
	<i>Czech Republic</i>		Marshall Islands		Tuvalu
	Djibouti	(#)(a)	Mauritania		<i>Uganda</i>
	Dominica	(*)	Micronesia (Federated States of)	(a)	United Republic of Tanzania
(a)	El Salvador		<i>Mongolia</i>	(*)	<i>Uzbekistan</i>
	Equatorial Guinea	(a)	Namibia	(§)(a)	Vanuatu
	Eritrea	(*)	Nauru		Yemen
	<i>Ethiopia</i>		<i>Nepal</i>		<i>Zambia</i>
	Gabon	(a)	Nicaragua		<i>Zimbabwe</i>
	Gambia				

2. List of suspended Member States of the IHO

Democratic Republic of the Congo
Dominican Republic
<i>Serbia</i>

3. List of intergovernmental organizations with which an agreement or special arrangement has been made with IHO

Attended IHC-17 (2007)	Attended EIHC-4 (2009)	Attended IHC-18 (2012)	Attended EIHC-5 (2014)	Organization
				Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
		Yes		European Commission (EC) (Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE))
Yes	Yes	Yes		Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	International Maritime Organization (IMO)
				International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)
MOU signed in 2015				Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
MOU expected to be signed in July 2016 ¹				Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa (MOWCA)
			Yes	Pacific Community (SPC)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)
				Port Management Association of Western and Central Africa (PMAWCA)
Yes				United Nations Organization (UN) - DOALOS - UNGGIM
Established in July 2011				
	Yes	Yes		World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

¹ See IHO CL 38/2015 dated 5 June - *Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the International Hydrographic Organization and the Maritime Organisation of West and Central Africa.*

4. List of Non-Governmental International Organizations with which the Organization has established appropriate relationships (in accordance with IHO Resolution 5/1957)

Attended IHC-17 (2007)	Attended EIHC-4 (2009)	Attended IHC-18 (2012)	Attended EIHC-5 (2014)	Organization
accredited 2012				Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO)
		Yes	Yes	Chart & Nautical Instrument Trade Association (CNITA)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Comité International Radio Maritime (CIRM)
				Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)
				Defence Geospatial Information Working Group (DGIWG)
	Yes			Inland ENC Harmonization Group (IEHG)
accredited 2014			Yes	Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)
			Yes	International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO)
			Yes	International Association of Geodesy (IAG)
	Yes			International Association of Institutes of Navigation (IAIN)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA)
				International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH)
accredited 2016				International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC)
	Yes	Yes		International Cartographic Association (ICA)
		Yes	Yes	International Centre for ENCs (IC - ENC)
				International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)
				International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
		Yes		International Federation of Hydrographic Societies (IFHS)
Yes		Yes	Yes	International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
				International Geographical Union (IGU)
accredited 2014			Yes	International Harbour Masters' Association (IHMA)
	Yes			International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA)
				International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
				International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	PRIMAR
accredited 2013			Yes	Professional Yachting Association (PYA)
				Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM)
	Yes		Yes	RTCA
				Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)
accredited 2015				The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA)

**LIST OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT COULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE XIXth INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE /
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Attended IHC-17 (2007)	Attended EIHC-4 (2009)	Attended IHC-18 (2012)	Attended EIHC-5 (2014)*	Organization*	
* National organizations are listed in <i>italics</i> . Organizations which were invited to attend EIHC-5 are highlighted . Additional organizations not invited to previous Conferences are <u>underlined</u> .					
				African Union (AU)	
				Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
				Australasian Hydrographic Society	
				Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)	
				Central American Commission of Maritime Transportation (COCATRAM)	
				Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (South Pacific Permanent Commission) (CPPS)	
				Committee on Science & Technology of Organization of Islamic Conference	
				Commonwealth Secretariat - Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC)	
				Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE)	
				Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf	
				<i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ortung und Navigation</i>	
				<i>Deutsche Hydrographische Gesellschaft</i>	
				Engineering Committee on Ocean Resources (ECOR)	
	Yes			<i>Federal Agency Geodesy and Cartography (FAGC) (Russian federation)</i>	
				Food and Agricultural Organization, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department (FAO)	
Established in 2013				<u>Francophone Hydrography Association (AFHy)</u>	
				<u>Group on Earth Observations (GEO)</u>	
			Yes	<i>Hydrographic Society of Korea</i>	
				Indian Ocean Maritime Affairs Cooperation (IOMAC)	
				International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Ocean (IAPSO)	
				International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean (ICSEM)	
				International Council for Exploration of the Seas (ICES)	
				International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU)	
				<i>International Institute of Aerospace Survey and Earth Sciences (ITC)</i>	

Attended IHC-17 (2007)	Attended EIHC-4 (2009)	Attended IHC-18 (2012)	Attended EIHC-5 (2014)*	Organization*	
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				International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR)	
				International Telecommunications Union (ITU)	
			Yes	International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG)	
				International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS)	
				<i>Institut français de navigation (French Institute of Navigation)</i>	
Yes		Yes	Yes	Japan Hydrographic Association (JHA)	
			Yes	Korea Oceanographic and Hydrographic Association	
			Yes	Nippon Foundation	
				Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)	
				<u>Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)</u>	
				Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)	
				Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level (PSMSL)	
				World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC)	
				Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) (Nairobi)	
				Regional Centre for Training in Aerospace Surveys (RECTAS)	
Yes	Yes	Yes		Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME)	
				Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR)	
				Southern African Development Community (SADC)	
				UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	
				UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)	
				UN Development Programme (UNDP)	
				UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)	
				UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	
				UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)	
				UN Environment Programme (UNEP)	
				UN Global Environment Facility (GEF)	
				<i>Universities:</i> University of Hong Kong University of New Hampshire	

Attended IHC-17 (2007)	Attended EIHC-4 (2009)	Attended IHC-18 (2012)	Attended EIHC-5 (2014)*	Organization*	
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Yes		Yes		<i>University of Plymouth</i> <i>University of Southern Mississippi</i>	
				<u>World Bank</u>	