

### **Sweden proposes Nordic Hydrographic Conference to become biennial**

Noting that all member states of the Nordic Hydrographic Commission (NHC) also are full members or observing members of at least two other Regional Hydrographic Commissions (RHC) especially after the establishment of the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission;

Noting that the NHC in regional terms is totally overlapping other RHC's and has its foundation more in the strong cultural tradition of Nordic cooperation;

Noting that the current statutes from 1992, Article 4, states that NHC shall hold an Ordinary Conference normally every second year;

Recognising the status of NHC as the oldest RHC and that it serves well as platform for important work and having active working groups;

Sweden considers that the important work and role of NHC could be well maintained and developed also if the ordinary conference is arranged every second year.

Sweden asks delegations of the 57<sup>th</sup> Nordic Hydrographic Conference to consider this proposal and to decide at the conference.