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**COMMITTEE ON HYDROGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION
SYSTEMS (CHRIS)**

PROPOSED REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

*(As a result of IHC/16 Decision to make CSC a WG of CHRIS – Changes, in blue, suggested
by CSC Secretariat)*

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Considering the need to promote and coordinate the development of official digital products and services to meet the requirements of mariners, the International Hydrographic Organization 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 associated with development and use of [paper hydrographic products and](#) electronic information systems that may require data provided by national hydrographic offices, and identify the matters that may affect the activities and products of these offices.
- 1.2 To study and propose methods and minimum standards for the development and provision of official digital hydrographic data, nautical products and other related services.
- 1.3 To prepare and maintain publications to describe and promote the Committee's recommended methods and standards adopted by the International Hydrographic Organization, and advise national hydrographic offices about implementation procedures as required by those offices.
- 1.4 To consider alternative procedures for the timely production of standards, for example 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 Committee, the IHO WG on Copyright, etc.
- 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.
- 2.2 Member State Representatives, or the Committee as a whole, may invite Observers to 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 The Committee Members will elect the Chairman of the Committee at its first meeting following each International Hydrographic Conference.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 Recommendations of the Committee will be submitted to the IHO Member States for adoption through the Directing Committee.