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**Proposal to amend IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended**

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***Related Documents: Related Projects:***

EAHC Chair (Japan) and SWPHC Chair (Australia)

This paper proposes amendments to the IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended.

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None

1. **Introduction / Background**

In accordance with Action IRCC9/31, EAHC Chair (Japan) reviewed the IHO Resolution "IHO Responses to Disaster” 1/2005 as amended in cooperation with the SWPHC Chair (Australia). This action is based on Decision A-1/19 on PRO-3.

1. **Analysis/Discussion**

At the last IHO Assembly (A-1), it was pointed out that the current IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended was too prescriptive and also contained descriptions beyond the roles and/or scopes of RHCs and the IHO. From the viewpoints as well as experiences in recent disasters, Japan and Australia prepared a revised resolution as shown in Annexes, which are the track change version and clean version. Main points of the draft amendments are as follows.

1. To add “Sendai Framework 2015-2030” as a new international trend in Section “1. Introduction”
2. To make contents less prescriptive by using “may” on behalf of “should”, particularly in key elements for contingency plans
3. To revise descriptions which would be beyond the scope of the IHO, particularly in roles of RHC and IHO Secretariat
4. To clarify that the role of hydrographic office in disaster response depends on a national framework in each country.
5. To revise descriptions so that RHC and IHO Secretariat can receive information on support requests for the immediate disaster response as well as the recovery response as actions to be taken by coastal states.
6. To add a section to mention the necessity of diplomatic clearance in advance to disaster response support
7. **Conclusions**

The proposed draft amendment would improve the feasibility and efficiency of measures against disasters by hydrographic offices.

1. **Recommendations**

IRCC is invited to consider this revised text of the IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended.

1. **Justification and Impacts**

In March 2015, the UN 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR-3) was held in Sendai in Japan and the Conference adopted “the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030”. The framework invites relevant international organizations to consider and implement the key activities for understanding disaster risk, strengthening disaster risk governance and enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response. This revised text of the IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended would be consistent with the outcome of the WCDRR-3 and also help hydrographic offices ensure effective disaster preparedness and response.

1. **Action Required of IRCC**

The IRCC is invited to:

* 1. consider this revised text of the IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended (Annexes) with a view to submitting an agreed version to the IHO Council in accordance with Decision A-1/19.
  2. take any other action as deemed appropriate.

Annex A: Draft IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended (Track Change version)

Annex B: Draft IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended (Clean version)