

**WG ON THE REVISION OF SPECIAL PUBLICATION 23
“LIMITS OF OCEANS AND SEAS” (S-23 WG)
First Meeting, Monaco 1st June 2009**

Initial Draft

Terms of Reference

The S-23 WG shall:

- 1.1 Produce a revised edition of Special Publication S-23, Limits of Oceans and Seas, making use of :
 - a) the current 3rd edition of S-23;
 - b) the work that has been done in the past years;
 - c) the positions and comments expressed by States in response to CL 78/2008,
 - d) other views that may come forward during the deliberations of the WG;
 - e) any other documents or material that may be considered appropriate.
- 1.2 Submit a Report of the work of the WG together with a draft 4th edition of Special Publication S-23 to the IHB no later than June 2011, for the subsequent approval of Member States.

Rules of Procedure

- 2.1 Participation in the WG is open to all Member States;
- 2.2 The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Members of the WG;
- 2.3 The IHB will participate as an observer and provide secretarial support;
- 2.4 The WG should work primarily by correspondence. Face-to-face meetings may be arranged if considered necessary by the WG;
- 2.5 If needed, experts can be invited to participate with the agreement of the Members of the WG;
- 2.6 RHCs should be involved, if required, to support the work of the WG.
- 2.7 Decisions should generally be made by consensus. If votes are required on issues or to endorse proposals presented to the WG, only Member States may cast a vote. Votes shall be on the basis of one vote per Member State.

Note: The IHB, under the guidance of the Chair, shall open a section on the IHO website where the List of Members of the WG as well as all the working documents will be posted.