Proposal for Consideration by the Council

Revision of IHO Resolutions reflecting the amendments to the Convention on the IHO and the other Basic Documents of the IHO that entered into force on 8 November 2016

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<td>In accordance with Decision 5 of the 1st Session of the Assembly, this proposal invites the Council to consider and endorse revisions to seven IHO Resolutions and the revocation of two IHO Resolutions for subsequent submission to the Member States for approval by correspondence.</td>
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Introduction

1. In order to reflect the new structure of the IHO as defined in the amendments to the Convention on the IHO and the other Basic Documents of the IHO that entered into force on 8 November 2016, Decision 5 of the first Session of the IHO Assembly (A-1) tasked the Secretary-General to draft revised texts for the following IHO Resolutions:

- Resolution 5/1957 as amended - IHO relations with other organizations
- Resolution 1/1969 as amended - Questions dealt with by the Bureau by correspondence
- Resolution 9/1967 as amended - Procedure for election of a Director by correspondence
- Resolution 5/1972 as amended - Tonnage figures
- Resolution 1/2014 as amended - Guiding principles for IHO Funds
- Resolution 4/1957 as amended - Preparations for International Hydrographic Conferences
- Resolution 8/1967 as amended - Checking of proposals submitted by Member States
- Resolution 1/1965 as amended - Adoption of the concluding procedure
- Resolution 2/1965 as amended - Possibility of considering a withdrawn proposal

Discussion

2. The proposed revised texts presented by the Secretary-General have taken into account the organizational and administrative changes that have recently come into force, including the entry into force of the Convention on the IHO and its supporting subordinate documents, nomenclature changes, and changes to the Staff Regulations. The opportunity has also been taken to make several non-substantive editorial adjustments.

Resolution 5/1957 as amended - IHO relations with other organizations

3. In addition to the consequential changes reflecting the new nomenclature of the Organization the proposed revised text for Resolution 5/1957 shown in Annex A takes into account the prerogatives of the Council in accordance with Article VI g (ix) of the revised Convention and the provisions related to
the observers included in the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Council and the Finance Committee.

4. In addition, it is proposed to include in the Resolution the provisions related to the approval of an agreement or special arrangement on establishing cooperation between the IHO and any other organization.

**Resolution 1/1969 as amended - Questions dealt with by the Bureau by correspondence**

5. Resolution 1/1969 relates to the implementation of paragraph 6 of the former Article VI of the IHO Convention which provided for the following arrangements:

   *Between sessions of the Conference the Bureau may consult the Member Governments by correspondence on questions concerning the technical functioning of the Organization. The voting procedure shall conform to that provided for in paragraph 5 of this Article, the majority being calculated in this case on the basis of the total membership of the Organization.*

6. A review of the consultations by correspondence initiated by the Secretariat during the period 2012-2016 shows that the majority dealt with the approval by voting on proposals submitted by subsidiary organs. According to Article VI (g) (vii), such proposals must now be reviewed by the Council first. The other items dealt with by correspondence were the following:

- Approval, by silence (tacit acceptance) procedure, of proposed arrangements on cooperation with other international organizations. It is proposed to include the relevant provisions in the proposed revised Resolution 5/1957 (see paragraph 3 above).
- Approval by silence (tacit acceptance) procedure of the annual theme for World Hydrography Day. It is considered that in future this item should be referred to the Council at its annual meeting.
- Approval by vote of the financial statements for the preceding year: the relevant provisions are stipulated by the Financial Regulations and subject to the further consideration of the Council in accordance with Decision No. 24 of A-1.
- Approval by vote of the annual Work Programme and Budget for the following year: the relevant provisions are stipulated in the IHO Resolution 12/2002 as amended at A-1.

7. On this basis, it appears that most of the provisions of Resolution 1/1969 are no longer relevant. Therefore, it is proposed to retain only the provision related to the period of time allowed for replies, noting that the outcome of a consultation that includes voting is based on the number of Member States who cast a vote within that period of time (see Article IX (f) of the IHO Convention as amended). A proposed revised text for Resolution 1/1969 is provided in Annex B.

**Resolution 9/1967 as amended - Procedure for election of a Director by correspondence**

8. The proposed revised text for Resolution 9/1967 that is shown in Annex C takes into account the provisions set out in Article 25 of the General Regulations. It also includes a number of additional details deemed useful as well as addressing the case of a tied result referred to in Article 23 (b) of the General Regulations to which Article 25 points.

**Resolution 5/1972 as amended - Tonnage figures**

9. Resolution 5/1972 on the establishment and maintenance of the Table of Tonnage contains two articles.

10. The first article contains four clauses a) to d).

- Clause a) and the first sentence of Clause c) duplicate the provisions of Article 6 (a) of the Financial Regulations.
The second sentence of Clause c) relates to the publication of the Table of Tonnages in the IHO Yearbook (IHO Publication P-5); it duplicates a provision included in IHO Resolution 8/1929 - Yearbook of the IHO.

The reference to Lloyd’s Register in Clause b) is no longer valid. For some time now the Secretariat has used the Notice of Annual Assessment issued by the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization as the reference.

11. The second article covering the processing of amendments is no longer applicable as the new edition of the Financial Regulations does not allow adjustment of the agreed tonnage figures during the period between two successive ordinary sessions of the Assembly (see Financial Regulations Article 6 (b)).

12. The proposed revised text for Resolution 5/1972 shown in Annex D reflects the preceding considerations.

Resolution 1/2014 as amended - Guiding principles for IHO Funds

13. In addition to the consequential changes reflecting the new nomenclature of the Organization, the proposed revised text shown in Annex E takes into account the prerogatives of the Council related to the approval of the annual budget and reflects the provisions of Edition 8.0.0 of the IHO Staff Regulations adopted in 2016 (see IHO CLs 26 and 45 of 2016).

14. Noting that the meetings of the Council are annual, it is considered that most related expenses must be covered by the ordinary budget and therefore it is proposed to limit the scope of the former Conference Fund to expenses related to the sessions of the Assembly.

15. New clauses 4.1.2 6 and 4.2.2.6 have been added to complement clauses 4.1.1.4 and 4.2.1.6 respectively.

Resolution 4/1957 as amended - Preparations for International Hydrographic Conferences

16. In addition to the consequential changes reflecting the new nomenclature of the Organization, the proposed revised text shown in Annex F extends the scope of the Resolution to the preparation of the meetings of the Council and takes into account the relevant Rules of Procedure.

Resolution 8/1967 as amended - Checking of proposals submitted by Member States

17. The revision of the Resolution on checking proposals submitted by Member States for consideration by the International Hydrographic (IH) Conference has been considered both in relation to the previous arrangements for Conferences and the Rules of Procedure now applicable to the Assembly and to the Council.

18. The existing Rules of Procedure do not contain any specific provision for inviting and circulating comments on proposals submitted to the Secretariat, as was the case for the Rules of Procedure for IH Conferences. The previous pre-Conference process included the distribution of a “Red Book” containing the proposals submitted by the Member States together with any subsequent comments and the positions of other Member States supplemented, as appropriate, by comments from the Directing Committee. This provided the Member States with a good understanding of the issues and opinions in advance of the Conference itself. The Secretary-General considers that it would be useful to continue this arrangement, as was done for the first session of the Assembly (see ACL 10 dated 2 September 2016) thereby assisting in the considerations and decision-making process of the Assembly and of the Council.

19. The table 1 below compares the timelines set out in the Rules of Procedure.
### Table 1
Comparison of the timelines for the submission of proposals to the IH Conference, the Assembly and the Council

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20. In the case of the Assembly, there are two months between the deadline for submitting proposals to the Secretariat and the deadline for circulating the Assembly documents. It is proposed that Member States be given one month to comment on the proposals received.

21. In the case of the Council, the time between the deadline for submitting proposals to the Secretariat and the deadline for circulating the Council documents is one month. It is proposed that Member States be given two weeks to comment on the proposals received. If this is not considered realistic, then the Council may wish to consider an exemption to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure in order to allow the Red Book to be distributed later, for example, one month before the meeting of the Council.
22. The proposed revised text shown in Annex G reflects the consideration above and also takes into account the new nomenclature now used in the Organization.

Resolution 1/1965 as amended - Adoption of the concluding procedure

Resolution 2/1965 as amended - Possibility of considering a withdrawn proposal

23. The existing texts of Resolutions 1/1965 and 2/1965 are provided in Annex H for ease of reference. Both resolutions were proposed in 1965 by the Directing Committee when developing a “Guide for IH Conferences”. This document was superseded by the Rules of Procedure for International Hydrographic Conferences (IHC) that were adopted by the XIth IHC in 1977. There is no clear evidence in the archives held by the Secretariat as to why these two resolutions were maintained in the Repertory of IHO Resolutions when its first edition was prepared in 1976.

24. The Secretariat is not aware of any instance in past IH Conferences when either Resolution was invoked.

25. Considering that neither Resolution adds any significant provision to the existing Rules of Procedure of the IHO Assembly, Council and Finance Committee, it is proposed to revoke both resolutions.

Action required of the Council

26. The Council is invited to:
   a. **endorse** the proposed revised Resolutions as set out in Annexes A to G;
   b. **endorse** the revocation of Resolutions 1/1965 and 2/1965;
   c. **instruct** the Secretary-General to seek the adoption by Member States of the proposals through voting by correspondence; and
   d. **take any other actions** that may be appropriate.
Proposed revised Resolution 5/1957 as amended

**IHO relations with other organizations**

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1. The relations of the IHO with other organizations, whose activities are likely to be of interest, are normally conducted by the Secretary-General Directing Committee in accordance with the Convention, Article XVIII. The Secretary-General Directing Committee may delegate this function to a Member State.

2. In conducting relations with other organizations, the Secretary-General Directing Committee should consult with Member States through the Council on relevant issues and shall ensure that it reflects the corporate views of the IHO.

3. When the importance of subjects of common interest justify it, the Secretary-General Directing Committee may propose to Member States through the Council:
   a) the establishment of an agreement or special arrangement governing the cooperation between the IHO and the organization concerned. Such agreement or special arrangement shall be approved by the Assembly in accordance with article 7 of the General Regulations. The Council may seek approval of Member States by correspondence in accordance with the provisions of article 6 (g) of the General Regulations; and
   b) the formation of a consultative body, consisting of representatives of the IHO and of one or several external organization(s). The title, terms of reference and composition of such a body may not be in conformity with the article 6 of the General Regulations. They shall, nevertheless, be approved by the Assembly Member States in accordance with the procedure laid down in the article 7 of the General Regulations. The Council may seek approval of Member States by correspondence in accordance with the provisions of article 6 (g) of the General Regulations.

4. Accreditation to the IHO of Non-Governmental International Organizations (NGIO).

Any Non-Governmental International Organization (NGIO), which is able to make a substantial contribution to the work of the IHO may be accredited and granted observer status. The regulations to be followed are:

**Rule 1  Applicability**

Subject to approval by the Assembly Conference or by Circular Letter through the Council, the Secretary-General of the IHO may grant observer status to any NGIO non-governmental international organization which is able to make a substantial contribution to the work of the IHO.

**Rule 2  Purpose**

Decisions to grant observer status to any NGIO non-governmental international organization shall be based on the principles that the purpose for entering into observer status shall be:

a) to enable the IHO to obtain information, help or expert advice from the NGIO non-governmental international organization with special knowledge in the Organization’s activities. Such information, help or advice can include (but not be limited to):
   i) consolidated strategic advice on the technical work programme of the Organization, such as the needs of the user community, emerging technologies, required standards, data requirements and future trends.
ii) co-operation on technical programmes of mutual interest including the proposal of new programmes that fall under the responsibility of IHO;

iii) the effectiveness of the implementation of the technical activities of IHO, such as standards, specifications and capacity building;

iv) advice on issues relevant to the IHO, on request;

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b) to enable such NGIOs whose activities have an important and direct bearing on the work of the IHO to express their points of view to the Organization. They may request information of interest from the IHO to be distributed to their members.

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Before granting observer status to any NGIO non-governmental international organization, the IHO must be satisfied that the objectives and functions of the NGIO non-governmental international organization are in harmony with the objectives of the IHO, as defined in Article II of the Convention.

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Observer status may not be granted to a NGIO non-governmental international organization unless it undertakes to support the activities of the IHO and to promote the dissemination of its principles and work, bearing in mind the objectives and functions of the IHO on the one hand and the competence and activities of the NGIO non-governmental international organization on the other.

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In addition to the provisions stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the relevant organs, the granting of observer status to an NGIO non-governmental international organization shall confer the following privileges on that organization:

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b) the right to submit written statements on items of the Agenda of the relevant organs Conference and subsidiary bodies which are of interest to the NGIO non-governmental international organization concerned, after appropriate consultation with the Secretary-General IHO Directing Committee, provided that such submission does not impede the smooth functioning of the IHO organ involved. The NGIO non-governmental international organization concerned shall give due consideration to any comment which the Secretary-General Directing Committee may make in the course of such consultations before transmitting the statement in final form;

c) the right to be represented by an observer at any meeting of the IHO at which matters of special interest to the NGIO non-governmental international organization concerned are to be considered;

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Any NGIO, non-governmental international organization to which observer status is granted shall keep the IHO Secretariat informed of those aspects of its own activities which are likely to be of interest to the IHO, and shall accord to the IHO privileges corresponding to those which are granted to the NGIO by the IHO.

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Proposed revised Resolution 1/1969 as amended

Questions dealt with by the Secretariat by correspondence

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| QUESTIONS DEALT WITH BY THE SECRETARIAT BUREAU BY CORRESPONDENCE | 1/1969 as amended | 43/1970 xx/20xx | T2.1 |
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1. It is resolved that, as provided in paragraph 6 of Article VI of the Convention and Articles 24 and 25 of the General Regulations, the Bureau may deal by correspondence with technical or administrative questions. Such questions may be either proposals submitted to a Conference and referred back to the Bureau when the Conference was unable to reach a conclusion, or proposals initiated between Conferences by Member States or by the Bureau itself.

2. The following procedure shall be observed:

   a) In the preliminary exploratory stage the Bureau shall take the necessary action to include with the proposal a detailed explanation of the reason for its submission and to ensure that every Member State may have the opportunity to express an opinion on the draft resolution and become familiar with the opinions of the IHB and other Member States.

   b) When the Bureau considers that the exploratory stage is over and that a general tendency can be defined from the views expressed, a synthesis of these views shall be drawn up and distributed with a perfected version of a draft resolution, to be put to the vote by correspondence. If this draft differs appreciably from that of the original proposal, and if the latter was originally put forward by a Member State, the Bureau shall consult with that Member State before putting the text to the vote.

   c) When this voting stage has been reached Member States may propose only minor corrections. The Bureau shall evaluate whether these should be accepted or rejected, and, if accepted, whether the new text as amended requires to be submitted for a further vote by correspondence.

   d) In cases where a preliminary exchange of views is not considered to be appropriate, the Bureau may call for a vote at the time a proposal is first circulated.

   e) In principle, a resolution will be adopted when it has received the required majority of votes in favour. If it does not obtain that majority, the question shall be closed and Member States informed of the fact. The question may be raised anew before an I.H. Conference on the initiative of the Bureau or any Member State.

   f) Whenever a circular letter is sent in compliance with the above procedure, the Assembly or the Council decides to refer a proposal to the Member States for adoption through correspondence, the Secretary-General-Bureau shall fix a deadline for replies. The period of time allowed for replies should not normally exceed two/three months unless the Assembly or the Council decides otherwise.
Clean version of proposed amended text:

| QUESTIONS DEALT WITH BY THE SECRETARIAT BY CORRESPONDENCE | 1/1969 as amended | xx/20xx | T2.1 |

When the Assembly or the Council decides to refer a proposal to the Member States for adoption through correspondence, the Secretary-General shall fix a deadline for replies. The period of time allowed for replies should normally be two months unless the Assembly or the Council decides otherwise.
Proposed revised Resolution 9/1967 as amended

PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF A SECRETARY-GENERAL OR DIRECTOR BY CORRESPONDENCE

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1. This resolution lays down rules of procedure to be observed when electing a new Secretary-General or a new Director by correspondence, as prescribed in Article X(2) of the Convention and 46.25 of the General Regulations. The letter X designates the date on which circumstances are such that the conditions prescribed by the General Regulations for an election by correspondence are fulfilled.

2. The person responsible for signing all related circular letters issued by the Secretariat is referred to thereafter as the “Authority”. In accordance with Article 25 (c) of the General Regulations, the Authority responsible for conducting the election of a new Secretary-General by correspondence is the Chair of the Council. In accordance with Article 25 (d), the Authority responsible for conducting the election of a new Director by correspondence is the Secretary-General.

3. Not later than day X+5, the Secretariat Bureau shall send out a registered circular letter, express (by airmail, if necessary and copied by e-mail) containing directions for the submitting of candidatures.

4. Not later than day X+90, Member States wishing to submit candidatures shall communicate the name of the candidate proposed, accompanied by a note containing their qualifications for the post declared vacant of Director, in accordance with the form given in Article 40.20 of the General Regulations. This communication must be made by registered letter, sent express (by airmail, if necessary) and copied by e-mail. Communications by telegram will not be accepted. In accordance with Article 17 of the General Regulations, the nationality of the candidates must be different to that of the standing Secretary-General and/or Directors.

5. The nomination shall contain a clause whereby the candidate accepts to take up their duties, if elected, not later than 35 days after the announcement of the successful candidate.

6. Not later than day X+105, the Secretariat Bureau shall send each Member State a registered circular letter, express (by airmail, if necessary) containing the list of eligible candidates, the candidates' service records and the voting papers. The number of voting papers shall correspond to the number of votes to which each Member State is entitled in accordance with Articles 18 of the General Regulations and Article 6 of the Financial Regulations. Each voting paper shall be inserted in a small white envelope bearing no inscription. A large brown envelope shall be included, with the address of the Secretariat IHB on the front and the name of the Member State with the note "Election of a director by correspondence" on the back.

7. Member States shall mark on their voting papers the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote. They may write any element or combination of elements of the name indicated on the list of eligible candidates, such that it identifies the chosen candidate unambiguously. The name of only one eligible candidate should be written on each voting paper. There is no obligation to write the same name on each voting paper. Each voting paper shall be sealed in its plain white envelope, and insert all the white envelopes shall be inserted in the large brown envelope, which shall be dispatched to the Secretariat IHB, registered and express (by airmail, if necessary). Votes by e-mail/telegram will not be valid. Dispatch must be made not later than day X+130.

8. On day X+145 at 10.00 hours, local time, the SecretariatIHB shall declare polling closed and assemble a scrutinizing committee consisting of the following members who shall count the votes:

   a) the Authority;
   b) the at least one standing Directors (or Director, if one of the two remaining Directors should be absent);
cb) two Managerial Members of the Secretariat Staff; Professional Assistants (Category A); and
de) one non-Managerial Member of Staff (Secretary (Category B)).

92 In the following cases votes shall become null and void:

a) If a brown envelope contains a number of small white envelopes exceeding the number of votes to which the Member State concerned is entitled, all the voting papers therein shall be null and void; or

b) If a small envelope contains two or more voting papers, all these shall be null and void; or

c) If one voting paper bears the names of two or more candidates or an ambiguous indication, this paper shall be null and void.

108 Conversely, the following irregularities shall not entail the cancellation of votes:

a) If a brown envelope contains a number of small envelopes inferior to the number of votes to which the Member State concerned is entitled, the voting papers received shall be considered valid;

b) If a brown envelope contains one or more Any unsealed white envelopes shall be sealed by a member of the committee but the voting papers therein shall be considered valid, except in the cases set out in article 7 above;

c) If the brown envelope or the white envelopes have been replaced by other envelopes, the voting papers shall still be considered valid, except in the cases set out in article 7 above;

d) If a voting paper contains erasures or corrections or misspellings it shall be considered valid so long as the author's intentions are clear and unambiguous.

11 The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. In the event that two or more candidates tie with the largest number of votes, the counting will be declared inconclusive and a new ballot restricted to those candidates shall be held by correspondence with the voting papers being sent out not later than day X+155 and the counting of the votes taking place on day X+195.

129 The results of the conclusive counting voting shall be communicated to all Member States at the earliest possible notice by registered circular letter, sent express (by airmail, if necessary) and copied by e-mail and a telegram. An e-mail with acknowledgment of receipt shall be dispatched to the successful candidate as soon as the results are known.

130 The candidate elected shall take up their appointment at the earliest opportunity and in any case not later than day X+180P+35 where the letter P designates the date of the announcement of the successful candidate. If this condition is not met, the post will be declared vacant and a new election will be conducted by correspondence.
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1. This Resolution lays down rules of procedure to be observed when electing a new Secretary-General or a new Director by correspondence, as prescribed in Article 25 of the General Regulations. The letter X designates the date on which circumstances are such that the conditions prescribed by the General Regulations for an election by correspondence are fulfilled.

2. The person responsible for signing all related circular letters issued by the Secretariat is referred to thereafter as the “Authority”. In accordance with Article 25 (c) of the General Regulations, the Authority responsible for conducting the election of a new Secretary-General by correspondence is the Chair of the Council. In accordance with Article 25 (d), the Authority responsible for conducting the election of a new Director by correspondence is the Secretary-General.

3. Not later than day X+5, the Secretariat shall send out a registered circular letter, express (by airmail, if necessary and copied by e-mail) containing directions for the submitting of candidatures.

4. Not later than day X+90, Member States wishing to submit candidatures shall communicate the name of the candidate proposed, accompanied by a note containing their qualifications for the post declared vacant, in accordance with Article 20 of the General Regulations. This communication must be made by registered letter, sent express (by airmail, if necessary) and copied by e-mail. In accordance with Article 17 of the General Regulations, the nationality of the candidates must be different to that of the standing Secretary-General and/or Directors.

5. The nomination shall contain a clause whereby the candidate accepts to take up their duties, if elected, not later than 35 days after the announcement of the successful candidate.

6. Not later than day X+105, the Secretariat shall send each Member State a registered circular letter, express (by airmail, if necessary) containing the list of eligible candidates, the candidates' service records and the voting papers. The number of voting papers shall correspond to the number of votes to which each Member State is entitled in accordance with Articles 18 of the General Regulations and Article 6 of the Financial Regulations. Each voting paper shall be inserted in a small white envelope bearing no inscription. A large brown envelope shall be included, with the address of the Secretariat on the front and the name of the Member State with the note “Election by correspondence” on the back.

7. Member States shall mark on their voting papers the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote. They may write any element or combination of elements of the name indicated on the list of eligible candidates, such that it identifies the chosen candidate unambiguously. The name of only one eligible candidate should be written on each voting paper. There is no obligation to write the same name on each voting paper. Each voting paper shall be sealed in its plain white envelope, and all the white envelopes shall be inserted in the large brown envelope, which shall be dispatched to the Secretariat, registered and express (by airmail, if necessary). Votes by e-mail will not be valid. Dispatch must be made not later than day X+130.

8. On day X+145 at 10.00 hours, local time, the Secretariat shall declare polling closed and assemble a scrutinizing committee consisting of the following members who shall count the votes:
   a) the Authority,
   b) at least one standing Director,
   c) two Managerial Members of the Secretariat Staff, and
   d) one non-Managerial Member of Staff.

9. In the following cases votes shall become null and void:
a) If a brown envelope contains a number of small white envelopes exceeding the number of votes to which the Member State concerned is entitled, all the voting papers therein shall be null and void; or

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The results of the conclusive counting shall be communicated to all Member States at the earliest possible notice by registered circular letter, sent express (by airmail, if necessary) and copied by e-mail. An e-mail with acknowledgment of receipt shall be dispatched to the successful candidate as soon as the results are known.

The candidate elected shall take up their appointment at the earliest opportunity and in any case not later than day P+35 where the letter P designates the date of the announcement of the successful candidate. If this condition is not met, the post will be declared vacant and a new election will be conducted by correspondence.
Proposed revised Resolution 5/1972 as amended

Tonnage figures

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1. It is resolved that the Bureau shall obtain, in preparation of each ordinary session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General shall ask Member States to supply their tonnage figures in accordance with Articles 5 and 6 of the Financial Regulations, from Member States in the following manner:

   a) At least seven months prior to each I.H. Conference, the Bureau will ask each Member State to report its national tonnage as of 1 July of the year preceding the Conference. The national tonnage is to be computed by adding to 6/7ths of the displacement tonnage of ships of war exceeding 100 tons, the gross tonnage of all other vessels exceeding 100 gross tons.

   b) The Bureau will obtain for reference purposes from Lloyd's Register, World Fleet Statistics, Table 1—Merchant Fleets of the World, as soon as this information is available for 1 July of the year preceding the Conference.

2. The Secretary General shall collate for reference purposes the information provided in the annual assessment of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) applicable for the Assembly year.

   c) The Bureau will distribute to Member States a revised “Table of Tonnages, Shares and Votes” at least two months before the start of each Conference. After approval at the Conference, these Tables will be published as Tables C and D of the IHO Yearbook for the following year.

   d) In cases where no report has been received from a Member State by four months before the Conference, the Bureau shall include the figures obtained from Lloyd’s for non-naval vessels over 100 gross tons for the Member State concerned, adding an approximative total of displacement tonnage of ships of war exceeding 100 tons as obtained from the latest available copy of a current Naval Almanac.

3. In cases where no report has been received from a Member State by three months before the ordinary session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General shall include an estimated figure derived from the latest information available for warships and from the IMO assessment for all other vessels.

   A Member State wishing to amend its tonnage figure as it appears in Appendix C of the IHO Yearbook must give notice of the amended tonnage at least six months before the start of the next financial year, in accordance with Article 6(d) of the Financial Regulations.
Clean version of proposed amended text:

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Proposed revised Resolution 1/2014 as amended

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1. **Purpose**

   1.1. The purpose of this Resolution is to describe the practices and procedures that govern the operation of the various funds operated by the IHO Secretariat on behalf of the IHO.

2. **Introduction**

   2.1. Over the years, the IHO has established various funds in order to best meet its objectives and the achievement of the work programme.

   2.2. Article 18 of the Financial Regulations of the IHO makes provision for an emergency reserve fund. According to Article 18, the emergency reserve fund is exclusively designed to enable the Organization to meet extraordinary expenditure. It can only be used in exceptional circumstances.

   2.3. In addition to the emergency reserve fund, other funds have been created for specific, recurring, but non-annual events whose costs cannot easily be managed or met by the annual operational budget process. These funds are intended to cover such things as funding for the sessions of the Assembly, the relocation of Internationally Recruited Members of Staff taking up their appointment and on separation, Directors at the commencement of each new Directing Committee and the relocation of Assistant Directors that occur from time to time, major renovations in the IHO headquarters, printing and maintenance of the IHO Presentation Library (part of S-52) and the legacy, internally funded pension scheme for former IHO employees.

   2.4. Additionally, other funds have been created that provide flexibility in how they are financed, and provide long term confidence in delivering against their objectives. Funding for the IHO Capacity Building Programme and the IHO-IOC GEBCO project are examples.

   2.5. Maintaining these various funds provides the ability to support such things as expensive one-off projects, expenditures exceeding the possibilities of the annual budget, or simply to guarantee the sustainability of an activity or the organizational structure itself.

   2.6. In all cases, the funds have been approved by Member States, are audited and then monitored on a regular basis by the Finance Officers’ Meeting and presented to Member States through the Council as part of the IHO budget and governance process.

3. **Use of Budget Surpluses**

   3.1. Recent studies have shown that in these days of global economic crisis, not-for-profit organizations that rely on a fixed subscription income, such as the IHO, should not avoid a budget surplus at the end of each year, but should actually aim towards that objective, in order to enable reserve funds, which could be essential for their longer term survival.

   3.2. Maintaining a reasonable surplus is now considered good and safe management practice, especially for organizations like the IHO that are dependent on fixed contributions that could be withheld if some Member States face increasing economic and financial difficulties.

   3.3. The existence of various dedicated funds enables any budget surpluses to be transferred to those funds, thereby providing an additional cushion against short-term reductions in income that
may be encountered. Seeking to run a budget surplus has been the practice in the IHO for at least the last decade.

4. IHO Funds

4.1. GECBO Fund

4.1.1. Description

4.1.1.1. The GECBO Fund opened in 2002, using the proceeds from the celebration of the centenary of the GECBO Project. Its purpose is to support the expenses of outside experts, within the framework of their participation in the GECBO project.

4.1.1.2. Since 2007, the annual subsidy received from the Principality of Monaco has been added to the fund. Receipts of sales of the publication "The History of GECBO" are also allocated to this fund.

4.1.1.3. Since 2009, the GECBO Fund has received an additional allocation from the IHO annual budget, as agreed in the budget by Member States.

4.1.1.4. Other organizations may provide financial support to the GECBO Project from time to time. Donated funds will be included in the GECBO Fund but may be maintained and managed separately, according to any terms and conditions mutually agreed between the IHO and the donor organization at the time of the donation.

4.1.2. Expenditure that can be covered by the GECBO Fund:

4.1.2.1. Travel expenses and per diem allowances in connexion with GECBO activities;

4.1.2.2. Contract support for maintenance and development of the GECBO website;

4.1.2.3. Contract support for maintenance, updating and development of the GECBO gazetteer and other GECBO products;

4.1.2.4. Administrative support for the management of the GECBO Fund;

4.1.2.5. Costs associated with GECBO promotional items; and

4.1.2.6. Any other expenditure specifically covered by the terms and conditions set by donor organizations described in clause 4.1.1.4 above.

4.1.3. Expenditure Approval Requirements

4.1.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat, based on proposals from the IHO-IOC GECBO Guiding Committee, together with the five-year budget (“five-year” to be replaced with “three-year” when the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention comes into force) and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.1.3.2. A specific procedure is being drafted by the GECBO Guiding Committee.

4.2. Capacity Building Fund

4.2.1. Description

4.2.1.1. The Capacity Building Fund was created in 2005. It is governed by IHO Resolutions 4, 5, 6 and 7/2004, as amended.

4.2.1.2. The Fund has been established to underpin the IHO Capacity Building Programme.

4.2.1.3. The Capacity Building Fund is supported by:

4.2.1.3.1. an annual contribution from the IHO Budget, as approved by Member States; and
4.2.1.3.2. donations made by governments, other international organizations, funding agencies, public or private institutions, associations or private individuals in support of IHO Capacity Building initiatives.

4.2.1.4. Contributions earmarked for a specific capacity building initiative may also be received.

4.2.1.5. The funding of large projects is considered an activity for specialized agencies and not the IHO.

4.2.1.6. Other organizations may provide financial support to the IHO Capacity Building Programme from time to time. Donated funds will be included in the Capacity Building Fund but may be maintained and managed separately, according to any terms and conditions mutually agreed between the IHO and the donor organization at the time of the donation.

4.2.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the Capacity Building Fund:**

4.2.2.1. Travel expenses, including fares, accommodation and per diem of participants attending CB courses and activities as set out in the CB Programme;

4.2.2.2. Course materials, such as textbooks or reference guides, etc.;

4.2.2.3. Local transportation is usually under the organizers’ responsibility, unless it is requested and approved by the Capacity Building Sub-Committee (CBSC);

4.2.2.4. Administrative support for the management of the CB Fund;

4.2.2.5. Consultancy in relation with CB; and

4.2.2.6. Any other expenditure specifically covered by the terms and conditions set by donor organizations described in clause 4.2.1.6 above.

4.2.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.2.3.1. The allocation of funds follows a procedure established by the CBSC. Proposals are screened by the relevant Regional Hydrographic Commissions and given a priority. At its annual meeting the CBSC considers bids and develops a rolling CB Work Programme, taking into account the state of the CB Fund. The CBSC decides on priorities and amounts to be allocated to each approved project. This is based on the parameters and procedures established by the CBSC.

4.2.3.2. Funds not used within the calendar year remain in the Capacity Building Fund to be used in support of future Capacity Building activities identified in the IHO Work Programme.

4.3. **Renovation and Enhancement Fund**

4.3.1. **Description**

4.3.1.1. The Renovation and Enhancement Fund is intended to cover any major expenses required for the renovation and upkeep of the IHO headquarters infrastructure and premises.

4.3.1.2. An allocation to this fund is normally made annually from the operating budget, as approved by Member States through the Council.

4.3.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the Renovation and Enhancement Fund:**

4.3.2.1. Refurbishing of all spaces in the IHO headquarters, including offices, hallways, conference room, chart room, kitchen and toilets;

4.3.2.2. Replacement of floor coverings and blinds;

4.3.2.3. Erection and modification of internal partition walls, doorways and openings;

4.3.2.4. Block renewal of furniture.
4.3.2.5. The purchase/replacement of assets (such as office equipment and administration software) and associated training and implementation costs.

4.3.3. Expenditure Approval Requirements

4.3.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat/IHB together with the three-year budget (“five-year” to be replaced with “three-year” when the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention come into force) and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.4. Presentation Library Fund

4.4.1. Description

4.4.1.1. This fund was created in 1997 to enable the maintenance of the digital version of the publication INT 1, named "IHO Presentation Library for ECDIS" (part of S-52). Unlike other IHO publications, the Presentation Library relies entirely on contractor support for its maintenance. Maintenance is required on an irregular basis. The fund is supported entirely by the sale of the Presentation Library.

4.4.2. Expenditure that can be covered by the Presentation Library Fund:

4.4.2.1. Contract support for the maintenance of the IHO Presentation Library;

4.4.2.2. Contract support for the development of S-100 based portrayal standards and tools;

4.4.2.3. Logistics, travel expenses and a per diem allowance for expert contributors to attend meetings dealing with portrayal issues.

4.4.3. Expenditure Approval Requirements

4.4.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat/IHB, based on proposals from the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee, together with the three-year budget (“five-year” to be replaced with “three-year” when the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention come into force) and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.5. ABLOS Conference Fund

4.5.1. Description

4.5.1.1. This fund was created, in effect, in 1999 to cover expenses related to the Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) Conference that takes place every two years.

4.5.1.2. The fund is supported by registration fees for the Conference. The fund covers the specific expenses for this event (in particular speakers' expenses), the balance remaining available for the organization of the following Conference.

4.5.1.3. An additional seminar "ABLOS Tutorials" can be supported by the fund.

4.5.2. Expenditure that can be covered by the ABLOS Conference Fund:

4.5.2.1. Travel expenses and a per diem allowance for speakers and tutorial leaders;

4.5.2.2. Office supplies;

4.5.2.3. Overtime for Staffnon-Managerial Members of Staff of the IHO;

4.5.2.4. Transport of equipment when the venue is not the IHB premises of the IHO Secretariat;

4.5.2.5. Hiring of equipment as necessary;

4.5.2.6. Caterers costs for the reception;

4.5.2.7. Any miscellaneous costs in connection with the Conference;
4.5.2.8. Travel expenses and per diem in connection with ABLOS activities, but only when funds in excess of 3,000 Euros remain after all expenses for a seminar / conference have been settled.

4.5.3. Expenditure Approval Requirements
4.5.3.1. The ABLOS Conference Fund is operated according to the guidelines annexed to ABLOS Rules of Procedures.

4.6. **Assembly Conference Fund**

4.6.1. **Description**

4.6.1.1. The **Assembly Fund is the successor to the former** Conference Fund that was established after the Conference of 1967, by introducing, an annual variable contribution from the annual budget to cover the increasing expenses of conferences and similar type events (see page 519 of the English and French reports of the Conference of 1972).

4.6.1.2. Before this date, the Conference expenses were included in the budget for the year of the Conference, with sometimes a reduced sum assigned in the previous year for preparations.

4.6.1.3. The objective of this fund is to more evenly distribute the annual load on the IHO budget.

4.6.2. Expenditure that can be covered by the **Assembly Conference Fund**:

4.6.2.1. Office supplies;
4.6.2.2. Interpreters/Translators;
4.6.2.3. Précis writers;
4.6.2.4. Overtime for **IHB staff** Non-Managerial Members of Staff of the IHO;
4.6.2.5. Transport of equipment;
4.6.2.6. Acquisition, hiring and installation of audio-visual equipment;
4.6.2.7. Acquisition, hiring and installation of photocopying equipment;
4.6.2.8. Acquisition, hiring and installation of supplementary computer/IT services;
4.6.2.9. Installation of the exhibition;
4.6.2.10. Caterers costs for the reception and coffee breaks;
4.6.2.11. Other miscellaneous costs in connection with the **Assembly Conference** ("Conference" to be replaced with "Assembly" when the Assembly is established).

4.6.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.6.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the **IHO Secretariat** together with the three-five-year budget ("five-year" to be replaced with "three-year" when the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention come into force) and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.7. **Relocation Fund**

4.7.1. **Description**

4.7.1.1. The 1997 Conference agreed the establishment of the Relocation Fund to support the cost of relocation of Directors and Assistant Directors at the beginning and end of their periods of service. Previously, this expenditure was met from the annual budget in the year of occurrence. This had the effect of destabilizing the budgetary presentations (see page 408 of the Conference report of 1997).
4.7.1.2. Chapter 8IV of the Staff Regulation sets out the terms and conditions for the payment of relocation expenses.

4.7.2. Expenditure that can be covered by the Relocation Fund:
4.7.2.1. Outward journey and return for Internationally Recruited Members of Staff, Directors, Assistant Directors and their families;
4.7.2.2. Subsistence allowance, equivalent to a maximum of one month of per diem allowance in Monaco paid in accordance with the terms set out in the Staff Regulations;
4.7.2.3. Severance pay which corresponds to one month’s net salary;
4.7.2.4. Expenses of moving of personal belongings and furniture.

4.7.3. Expenditure Approval Requirements
4.7.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat together with the three-five-year budget (“five-year” to be replaced with “three-year” when the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention come into force) and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.8. Special Projects Fund
4.8.1. Description
4.8.1.1. The Special Projects Fund was established in 2012 to cover contract support for the completion of certain IHO work program items, such as the maintenance or drafting of standards, the editing or updating of complex publications, translations, and particular requirements identified by the Committees and other bodies of the Organization.

4.8.2. Expenditure that can be covered by the Special Projects Fund:
4.8.2.1. Contract support to deliver some or all parts of the approved IHO work programme tasks;
4.8.2.2. Logistics, travel expenses and a per diem allowance for expert contributors required at meetings dealing with the preparation and monitoring of the contracts.

4.8.3. Expenditure Approval Requirements
4.8.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat, based on proposals from IHO subordinate bodies, together with the three-five-year budget (“five-year” to be replaced with “three-year” when the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention come into force) and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.9. Internal Retirement Fund (IRF)
4.9.1. Description
4.9.1.1. Until August 31st, 1987, the retirement benefits of employees were supported by an internal, self-funded pension scheme. Retirement benefits for employees joining after 1 Sep 1987 are covered by private, personalised pension plans, that do not place any long-term liability on the IHO other than in addition to the employer contributions to the pension scheme that are met from the salaries chapter of the IHO annual budget, the IHO must provide a guaranteed minimum pension for Locally Recruited Members of Staff.

4.9.1.2. The purpose of the Internal Retirement Fund is to maintain a capital sum that can be invested to ensure the provision of the pensions of retired and serving employees that are beneficiaries of the pre-1987 pension scheme and to guarantee the payment of a minimum pension for Locally Recruited Members of Staff recruited after 1 September 1987.
4.9.1.3. When a Locally Recruited Member of Staff recruited after 1 September 1987 chooses to receive a pension from the IHO on retirement, the accumulated capital lodged in their personalized retirement plan is transferred to the Internal Retirement Fund.

4.9.2. Expenditure that can be covered by the Internal Retirement Fund:
4.9.2.1. Payment of the retirement benefits to which the Staff Members recruited before 1 September 1987 are entitled in accordance with Annex A to the IHO Staff Regulations.
4.9.2.2. Payment of the retirement benefits for Locally Recruited Members of Staff recruited after 1 September 1987 who choose to receive a pension from the IHO in accordance with the option provided in the Staff Regulations.

4.9.3. Expenditure Approval Requirements
4.9.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat together with the three-year budget (“five-year” to be replaced with “three-year” when the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention come into force) and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.10. IBSC Fund
4.10.1 Description
4.10.1.1. The establishment of the IBSC (International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic surveyors and Nautical Cartographers) Fund was approved by IHO Member States in 2010 (see IHO CL72/2010). At the request of the then Treasurer organization, the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG - Fédération Internationale des Géomètres), the IHO Secretariat took over the role of Treasurer in 2015. This transfer permitted increased efficiency, accountability and improved governance, since the IHO Secretariat was already acting as Secretary of the Board and the IHO was considered to be the principal stakeholder organization regarding the work of the Board.
4.10.1.2 The fund is intended to support IBSC members’ expenses to attend meetings of the Board and to make site visits to the venues of training programmes under the purview of the Board and to assist in meeting the travel expenses of the IBSC Chair when participating in relevant IHO meetings.
4.10.1.3 The IBSC Fund is supported by fees levied on those institutions seeking recognition for the courses and training that they may conduct in conformance with the internationally recognised standards set by the Board.

4.10.2 Expenditure that can be covered by the IBSC Fund
4.10.2.1. Logistics, travel expenses and a per diem allowance for members of the IBSC to attend meetings and site visits related to the activities of the Board.

4.10.3 Expenditure Approval Requirements
4.10.3.1. The IBSC Fund is operated according to the provisions annexed to the IBSC Rules of Procedure.
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   2.6. In all cases, the funds have been approved by Member States, are audited and then monitored on a regular basis by the Finance Officers’ Meeting and presented to Member States through the Council as part of the IHO budget and governance process.

3. **Use of Budget Surpluses**

   3.1. Recent studies have shown that in these days of global economic crisis, not-for-profit organizations that rely on a fixed subscription income, such as the IHO, should not avoid a budget surplus at the end of each year, but should actually aim towards that objective, in order to enable reserve funds, which could be essential for their longer term survival.

   3.2. Maintaining a reasonable surplus is now considered good and safe management practice, especially for organizations like the IHO that are dependent on fixed contributions that could be withheld if some Member States face increasing economic and financial difficulties.

   3.3. The existence of various dedicated funds enables any budget surpluses to be transferred to those funds, thereby providing an additional cushion against short-term reductions in income that may be encountered. Seeking to run a budget surplus has been the practice in the IHO for at least the last decade.
4. **IHO Funds**

4.1. **GEBCO Fund**

4.1.1. **Description**

4.1.1.1. The GEBCO Fund opened in 2002, using the proceeds from the celebration of the centenary of the GEBCO Project. Its purpose is to support the expenses of outside experts, within the framework of their participation in the GEBCO project.

4.1.1.2. Since 2007, the annual subsidy received from the Principality of Monaco has been added to the fund. Receipts of sales of the publication "The History of GEBCO" are also allocated to this fund.

4.1.1.3. Since 2009, the GEBCO Fund has received an additional allocation from the IHO annual budget, as approved by Member States.

4.1.1.4. Other organizations may provide financial support to the GEBCO Project from time to time. Donated funds will be included in the GEBCO Fund but may be maintained and managed separately, according to any terms and conditions mutually agreed between the IHO and the donor organization at the time of the donation.

4.1.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the GEBCO Fund:**

4.1.2.1. Travel expenses and per diem allowances in connexion with GEBCO activities;

4.1.2.2. Contract support for maintenance and development of the GEBCO website;

4.1.2.3. Contract support for maintenance, updating and development of the GEBCO gazetteer and other GEBCO products;

4.1.2.4. Administrative support for the management of the GEBCO Fund;

4.1.2.5. Costs associated with GEBCO promotional items; and

4.1.2.6. Any other expenditure specifically covered by the terms and conditions set by donor organizations described in clause 4.1.1.4 above.

4.1.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.1.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat, based on proposals from the IHO-IOC GEBCO Guiding Committee, together with the three-year budget and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.1.3.2. A specific procedure is being drafted by the GEBCO Guiding Committee.

4.2. **Capacity Building Fund**

4.2.1. **Description**

4.2.1.1. The Capacity Building Fund was created in 2005. It is governed by IHO Resolutions 4, 5, 6 and 7/2004, as amended.

4.2.1.2. The Fund has been established to underpin the IHO Capacity Building Programme.

4.2.1.3. The Capacity Building Fund is supported by:

4.2.1.3.1. an annual contribution from the IHO Budget, as approved by Member States; and

4.2.1.3.2. donations made by governments, other international organizations, funding agencies, public or private institutions, associations or private individuals in support of IHO Capacity Building initiatives.

4.2.1.4. Contributions earmarked for a specific capacity building initiative may also be received.
4.2.1.5. The funding of large projects is considered an activity for specialized agencies and not the IHO.

4.2.1.6. Other organizations may provide financial support to the IHO Capacity Building Programme from time to time. Donated funds will be included in the Capacity Building Fund but may be maintained and managed separately, according to any terms and conditions mutually agreed between the IHO and the donor organization at the time of the donation.

4.2.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the Capacity Building Fund:**

4.2.2.1. Travel expenses, including fares, accommodation and per diem of participants attending CB courses and activities as set out in the CB Programme;

4.2.2.2. Course materials, such as textbooks or reference guides, etc.;

4.2.2.3. Local transportation is usually under the organizers’ responsibility, unless it is requested and approved by the Capacity Building Sub Committee (CBSC);

4.2.2.4. Administrative support for the management of the CB Fund;

4.2.2.5. Consultancy in relation with CB; and

4.2.2.6. Any other expenditure specifically covered by the terms and conditions set by donor organizations described in clause 4.2.1.6 above.

4.2.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.2.3.1. The allocation of funds follows a procedure established by the CBSC. Proposals are screened by the relevant Regional Hydrographic Commissions and given a priority. At its annual meeting the CBSC considers bids and develops a rolling CB Work Programme, taking into account the state of the CB Fund. The CBSC decides on priorities and amounts to be allocated to each approved project. This is based on the parameters and procedures established by the CBSC.

4.2.3.2. Funds not used within the calendar year remain in the Capacity Building Fund to be used in support of future Capacity Building activities identified in the IHO Work Programme.

4.3. **Renovation and Enhancement Fund**

4.3.1. **Description**

4.3.1.1. The Renovation and Enhancement Fund is intended to cover any major expenses required for the renovation and upkeep of the IHO headquarters infrastructure and premises.

4.3.1.2. An allocation to this fund is normally made annually from the operating budget, as approved by Member States through the Council.

4.3.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the Renovation and Enhancement Fund:**

4.3.2.1. Refurbishing of all spaces in the IHO headquarters, including offices, hallways, conference room, chart room, kitchen and toilets;

4.3.2.2. Replacement of floor coverings and blinds;

4.3.2.3. Erection and modification of internal partition walls, doorways and openings;

4.3.2.4. Block renewal of furniture.

4.3.2.5. The purchase/replacement of assets (such as office equipment and administration software) and associated training and implementation costs.
4.3.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.3.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat together with the three-year budget and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.4. **Presentation Library Fund**

4.4.1. **Description**

4.4.1.1. This fund was created in 1997 to enable the maintenance of the digital version of the publication INT 1, named "IHO Presentation Library for ECDIS" (part of S-52). Unlike other IHO publications, the Presentation Library relies entirely on contractor support for its maintenance. Maintenance is required on an irregular basis. The fund is supported entirely by the sale of the Presentation Library.

4.4.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the Presentation Library Fund:**

4.4.2.1. Contract support for the maintenance of the IHO Presentation Library;
4.4.2.2. Contract support for the development of S-100 based portrayal standards and tools;
4.4.2.3. Logistics, travel expenses and a per diem allowance for expert contributors to attend meetings dealing with portrayal issues.

4.4.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.4.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat, based on proposals from the IHO Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee, together with the three-year budget and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.5. **ABLOS Conference Fund**

4.5.1. **Description**

4.5.1.1. This fund was created, in effect, in 1999 to cover expenses related to the Advisory Board on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) Conference that takes place every two years.

4.5.1.2. The fund is supported by registration fees for the Conference. The fund covers the specific expenses for this event (in particular speakers' expenses), the balance remaining available for the organization of the following Conference.

4.5.1.3. An additional seminar "ABLOS Tutorials" can be supported by the fund.

4.5.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the ABLOS Conference Fund:**

4.5.2.1. Travel expenses and a per diem allowance for speakers and tutorial leaders;
4.5.2.2. Office supplies;
4.5.2.3. Overtime for **non-Managerial Members of Staff** of the IHO Secretariat;
4.5.2.4. Transport of equipment when the venue is not the premises of the IHO Secretariat;
4.5.2.5. Hiring of equipment as necessary;
4.5.2.6. Caterers costs for the reception;
4.5.2.7. Any miscellaneous costs in connection with the Conference;
4.5.2.8. Travel expenses and per diem in connection with ABLOS activities, but only when funds in excess of 3,000 Euros remain after all expenses for a seminar / conference have been settled.
4.5.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.5.3.1. The ABLOS Conference Fund is operated according to the guidelines annexed to ABLOS Rules of Procedures.

4.6. **Assembly Fund**

4.6.1. **Description**

4.6.1.1. The Assembly Fund is the successor to the former Conference Fund that was established after the Conference of 1967, by introducing, an annual variable contribution from the annual budget to cover the increasing expenses of conferences and similar type events (see page 519 of the English and French reports of the Conference of 1972).

4.6.1.2. Before this date, the Conference expenses were included in the budget for the year of the Conference, with sometimes a reduced sum assigned in the previous year for preparations.

4.6.1.3. The objective of this fund is to more evenly distribute the annual load on the IHO budget.

4.6.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the Assembly Fund:**

4.6.2.1. Office supplies;

4.6.2.2. Interpreters/Translators;

4.6.2.3. Précis writers;

4.6.2.4. Overtime for the non-Managerial Members of Staff of the Secretariat;

4.6.2.5. Transport of equipment;

4.6.2.6. Acquisition, hiring and installation of audio-visual equipment;

4.6.2.7. Acquisition, hiring and installation of photocopying equipment;

4.6.2.8. Acquisition, hiring and installation of supplementary computer/IT services;

4.6.2.9. Installation of the exhibition;

4.6.2.10. Caterers costs for the reception and coffee breaks;

4.6.2.11. Other miscellaneous costs in connection with the Assembly.

4.6.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.6.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat together with the three-year budget and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.7. **Relocation Fund**

4.7.1. **Description**

4.7.1.1. The 1997 Conference agreed the establishment of the Relocation Fund to support the cost of relocation of Directors and Assistant Directors at the beginning and end of their periods of service. Previously, this expenditure was met from the annual budget in the year of occurrence. This had the effect of destabilizing the budgetary presentations (see page 408 of the Conference report of 1997).

4.7.1.2. Chapter 8 of the Staff Regulation sets out the terms and conditions for the payment of relocation expenses.

4.7.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the Relocation Fund:**

4.7.2.1. Outward journey and return for Internationally Recruited Members of Staff and their families;
4.7.2.2. Subsistence allowance, paid in accordance with the terms set out in the Staff Regulations;
4.7.2.3. Severance pay which corresponds to one month’s net salary;
4.7.2.4. Expenses of moving of personal belongings and furniture.

4.7.3. Expenditure Approval Requirements
4.7.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat together with the three-year budget and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.8. Special Projects Fund
4.8.1. Description
4.8.1.1. The Special Projects Fund was established in 2012 to cover contract support for the completion of certain IHO work program items, such as the maintenance or drafting of standards, the editing or updating of complex publications, translations, and particular requirements identified by the Committees and other bodies of the Organization.

4.8.2. Expenditure that can be covered by the Special Projects Fund:
4.8.2.1. Contract support to deliver some or all parts of the approved IHO work programme tasks;
4.8.2.2. Logistics, travel expenses and a per diem allowance for expert contributors required at meetings dealing with the preparation and monitoring of the contracts.

4.8.3. Expenditure Approval Requirements
4.8.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat, together with the three-year budget and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.9. Internal Retirement Fund (IRF)
4.9.1. Description
4.9.1.1. Until August 31st, 1987, the retirement benefits of employees were supported by an internal, self-funded pension scheme. Retirement benefits for employees joining after 1 September 1987 are covered by private, personalised pension plans. In addition to the employer contributions to the pension scheme that are met from the salaries chapter of the IHO annual budget, the IHO must provide a guaranteed minimum pension for Locally Recruited Members of Staff.

4.9.1.2. The purpose of the Internal Retirement Fund is to maintain a capital sum that can be invested to ensure the provision of the pensions of retired and serving employees that are beneficiaries of the pre-1987 pension scheme and to guarantee the payment of a minimum pension for Locally Recruited Members of Staff recruited after 1 September 1987.

4.9.1.3. When a Locally Recruited Member of Staff recruited after 1 September 1987 chooses to receive a pension from the IHO on retirement, the accumulated capital lodged in their personalized retirement plan is transferred to the Internal Retirement Fund.

4.9.2. Expenditure that can be covered by the Internal Retirement Fund:
4.9.2.1. Payment of the retirement benefits to which the Staff Members recruited before 1 September 1987 are entitled in accordance with Annex A to the IHO Staff Regulations.
4.9.2.2. Payment of the retirement benefits for Locally Recruited Members of Staff recruited after 1 September 1987 who choose to receive a pension from the IHO in accordance with the option provided in the Staff Regulations.
4.9.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.9.3.1. Expenditures are normally planned by the IHO Secretariat together with the three-year budget and reviewed with each annual budget. Their execution is monitored according to the IHO Financial Regulations (see articles 9 and 12).

4.10. **IBSC Fund**

4.10.1. **Description**

4.10.1.1. The establishment of the IBSC (International Board on Standards of Competence for Hydrographic surveyors and Nautical Cartographers) Fund was approved by IHO Member States in 2010 (see IHO CL72/2010). At the request of the then Treasurer organization, the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG - Fédération Internationale des Géomètres), the IHO Secretariat took over the role of Treasurer in 2015. This transfer permitted increased efficiency, accountability and improved governance, since the IHO Secretariat was already acting as Secretary of the Board and the IHO was considered to be the principal stakeholder organization regarding the work of the Board.

4.10.1.2 The fund is intended to support IBSC members’ expenses to attend meetings of the Board and to make site visits to the venues of training programmes under the purview of the Board and to assist in meeting the travel expenses of the IBSC Chair when participating in relevant IHO meetings.

4.10.1.3 The IBSC Fund is supported by fees levied on those institutions seeking recognition for the courses and training that they may conduct in conformance with the internationally recognised standards set by the Board.

4.10.2. **Expenditure that can be covered by the IBSC Fund**

4.10.2.1. Logistics, travel expenses and a per diem allowance for members of the IBSC to attend meetings and site visits related to the activities of the Board.

4.10.3. **Expenditure Approval Requirements**

4.10.3.1. The IBSC Fund is operated according to the provisions annexed to the IBSC Rules of Procedure.
**Proposed revised Resolution 4/1957 as amended**

*Preparations for Sessions of the Assembly and Meetings of the Council*

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2. It is resolved that the *Secretary-General* shall prepare the schedule of the event (a session of the Assembly or a meeting of the Council) in accordance with the normal duration established by the relevant Rules of Procedure of the I.H. Conferences so that their length normally does not exceed one week. If the questions to be handled are many and long, the schedule shall allow for meetings of appropriate length and, where necessary, meetings on Saturday mornings and afternoons as well. Furthermore, the Chair of the Assembly or of the Council may avail himself of the possibility, in exceptional cases, of calling extraordinary meetings in the evening after 21.00.

3. It is resolved that the *Secretary-General* shall suggest to the submitting Member State, IHO organ, or Observer Organization that a proposal be not included in the agenda of the Conference, but instead referred first to a subordinate body as appropriate, handled by correspondence when such a solution would appear to be more appropriate.
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Proposed revised Resolution 8/1967

Procedure for considering proposals submitted by Member States to the Assembly or to the Council

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| CHECKING OF PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERING PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES TO THE ASSEMBLY OR TO THE COUNCIL | 8/1967 as amended | 23/1970 xx/20xx | S1.3 |

1. Each proposal submitted by Member States for consideration by the Assembly or the Council shall be circulated as soon as it is received by the Secretary-General to all Member States. Member States shall be invited to forward their comments on the proposals to reach the Secretariat at least three months before the opening day of the session of the Assembly or six weeks before the opening day of the meeting of the Council.

2. It is strongly recommended that the Bureau carefully examine each proposal submitted by Member States to I.H. Conferences, or for consideration by correspondence in between Conferences, and, should the need arise, the Secretary-General should point out in the notice to all the submitting Member States which of the effective resolutions in force would, in the Bureau’s opinion, be likely to affect or be affected by the any of the proposals that have been submitted wording of the resolution proposed.

3. A document (the Red Book) containing all proposals, together with any subsequent comments submitted by other Member States shall be issued by the Secretary-General as part of the supporting documents in accordance with the relevant Rules of Procedure. The Red Book shall also contain the comments of the Secretary-General on the technical, administrative and financial implications of the proposals, as appropriate.
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