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**ADOPTION OF THE REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF  
THE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (HSSC)  
AND  
THE INTER-REGIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE (IRCC)**

Reference: IHO CL 53/2018 dated 8 November – *Revision of the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the HSSC and the IRCC.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Circular Letter in reference requested the adoption of the revised Terms of Reference (TORs) and Rules of Procedure (ROPs) of the Hydrographic Services and Standards Committee (HSSC) and the Inter-Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC), as endorsed by the IHO Council in October 2018.
2. The Secretariat of the IHO thanks the 52 Member States that replied to the above Reference CL: Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Latvia, Malta, Mauritius, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uruguay.
3. The above Member States supported the adoption of these revisions and two Member States offered comments in addition to their vote. These comments and the outcome of their review by the IHO Secretariat are provided in Annex A to this Circular Letter.
4. When the referenced CL was issued, there were 89 Member States of the IHO with three States suspended. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the IHO as amended, the minimum number of affirmative votes required is 29. As a result, and taking into account the editorial correction reported in Annex A, the revision of the TORs and ROPs of the HSSC and the IRCC has been adopted.
5. The revised TORs and ROPs of the HSSC and the IRCC will be posted on the IHO website [www.iho.int](http://www.iho.int) > IHO Council, Committees & WG > HSSC and IRCC > Terms of Reference.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mustafa IPTES', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mustafa IPTES  
Director

Annex A: Member States' responses to IHO CL 53/2018 and comments from the IHO Secretariat.

Copy: Chairs of the HSSC and IRCC

**MEMBER STATES' RESPONSES TO IHO CL 53/2018  
AND COMMENTS FROM THE IHO SECRETARIAT**

**REVISION OF THE TORs and ROPs of the HSSC and the IRCC**

**INDONESIA** (Vote 1 = YES, Vote 2 = YES)

Pushidrosal Indonesia, approves the revised Terms of Reference and Rules of procedures of the HSSC and the revised Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures of the IRCC, and will support all the products that had been revised in all activities both for regionally and internationally.

*Comment from the IHO Secretariat:*

*This support is very welcome.*

**IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)** (Vote 1 = YES, Vote 2 = YES)

About HSSC TORs: In the clean version of the document (HSSC Terms of Reference - item 1.10), the word (with) should be added to the phrase (in conformance).

*Comment from the IHO Secretariat:*

*The IHO Secretariat thanks Iran for pointing out this editorial mistake which existed in the corresponding Art. 1.9 of the HSSC TORs in force until now. It has been corrected as suggested.*