

GENERAL REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1

The Organization is a consultative agency. It has no authority over the hydrographic offices of the Government Parties to the Convention.

ARTICLE 2

The activities of the Organization are of a scientific or technical nature and shall not include matters involving questions of international politics.

INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE

ARTICLE 3

The International Hydrographic Conference shall meet in ordinary session every five years at the seat of the Organization at a date fixed at the close of the previous session.

ARTICLE 4

The International Hydrographic Conference shall be prepared and organized by the Bureau.

ARTICLE 5

Each Member Government may be represented at the Conference by one or more delegates, one of whom should preferably be the head of the national hydrographic office. Travelling and hotel expenses of delegates shall be defrayed by their respective Governments.

ARTICLE 6

The Director General shall be authorized to invite observers from:

- (a) Governments that are not Parties to the Convention; one or two observers each, if proposed by a Member Government or the Director General and subject to approval by two thirds of the Member Governments.
- (b) International organizations whose activities are connected with those of the Bureau; one or exceptionally two observers each. A list of such organizations shall be notified by the Director General to Member Governments in advance, so that they may have opportunity to raise objections or suggest additional.
- (c) National organizations of Member Governments which have had or are likely to have occasion to collaborate with the Bureau under the conditions prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

ARTICLE 7

The working languages of the Conference shall be English, French and Spanish.

ARTICLE 8

(a) The Conference shall examine the reports of the Bureau on its work since the previous Conference. These reports shall be submitted to