

- (b) To study any matters relating to hydrography and the allied sciences and techniques, and to collect the necessary papers;
- (c) To further the exchange of nautical charts and documents between hydrographic offices of Member Governments;
- (d) To circulate the appropriate documents;
- (e) To tender guidance and advice upon request, in particular to countries engaged in setting up or expanding their hydrographic service;
- (f) To encourage coordination of hydrographic surveys with relevant oceanographic activities;
- (g) To extend and facilitate the application of oceanographic knowledge for the benefit of navigators;
- (h) To cooperate with international organisations and scientific institutions which have related objectives.

ARTICLE IX

The Bureau shall be composed of the Directing Committee and the technical and administrative staff required by the Organisation.

ARTICLE X

1. The Directing Committee shall administer the Bureau in accordance with the provisions of this Convention and the Regulations and with directives given by the Conference.

2. The Directing Committee shall be composed of three members of different nationality elected by the Conference, which shall further elect one of them to fill the office of the President of the Committee. The term of office of the Directing Committee shall be five years. If a post of director falls vacant during the period between two Conferences, a by-election may be held by correspondence as provided for in the General Regulations.

3. The President of the Directing Committee shall represent the Organisation.

ARTICLE XI

The functioning of the Organisation shall be set forth in detail in the General Regulations and Financial Regulations, which are annexed to this Convention but do not form an integral part thereof.

ARTICLE XII

The official languages of the Organisation shall be English and French.

ARTICLE XIII

The Organisation shall have juridical personality. In the territory of each of its Members it shall enjoy, subject to agreement with the Member Government concerned, such privileges and immunities as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its object.

ARTICLE XIV

The expenses necessary for the functioning of the Organisation shall be met: