

INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC BUREAU

ARTICLE 15

In accordance with the provisions of article VIII of the Convention, the Bureau shall undertake the scientific and technical activities necessary for the attainment of the objectives of the Organisation.

ARTICLE 16

For its relations with the Bureau, each Member Government shall designate an official representative, preferably the head of its hydrographic office.

ARTICLE 17

The Bureau shall keep in close communication with the hydrographic offices of Member Governments. It may also correspond with related scientific organisations of Member Governments, provided that it informs the official representative of the Government concerned (article 16 above). Furthermore it may correspond with similar bodies of other Governments and with international organisations.

ARTICLE 18

The Bureau shall bring to the notice of the hydrographic or other competent offices of the Member Governments any hydrographic work of an international character and problems of general interest that it might be useful to study or to undertake. It shall strive for the solution of such problems or the undertaking of such work by seeking the necessary collaboration between Member Governments.

ARTICLE 19

To enable the Bureau to achieve its purpose, the hydrographic offices of Member Governments shall forward copies of their new publications and new editions of their charts, as well as works or documents published by them or by other offices in their countries which may be of interest.

ARTICLE 20

The Bureau shall satisfy as far as possible all requests from representatives of Member Governments for information or advice related to its work. Matters which can be dealt with directly between two national hydrographic offices should not normally be referred to the Bureau.

ARTICLE 21

The Bureau shall issue and distribute the publication referred to in articles 32 to 35 and any other documents requested by the Conference.

ARTICLE 22

In their communications with the Bureau, representatives of Member Governments may use languages other than the official languages of the Organisation, but the Bureau shall not be held responsible for any delay or misinterpretation which may ensue.