



## CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANISATION

The Governments Parties to this Convention,

CONSIDERING that the International Hydrographic Bureau was established in June 1921 to contribute to making navigation easier and safer throughout the world by improving nautical charts and documents;

DESIRING to pursue on an intergovernmental basis their cooperation in hydrography;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

### ARTICLE I

There is hereby established an International Hydrographic Organisation, hereinafter referred to as the Organisation, the seat of which shall be in Monaco.

### ARTICLE II

The Organisation shall have a consultative and purely technical nature. It shall be the object of the Organisation to bring about:

- (a) The coordination of the activities of national hydrographic offices;
- (b) The greatest possible uniformity in nautical charts and documents;
- (c) The adoption of reliable and efficient methods of carrying out and exploiting hydrographic surveys;
- (d) The development of the sciences in the field of hydrography and the techniques employed in descriptive oceanography.

### ARTICLE III

The Members of the Organisation are the Governments Parties to this Convention.

### ARTICLE IV

The Organisation shall comprise:

The International Hydrographic Conference, hereinafter referred to as the Conference;

The International Hydrographic Bureau, hereinafter referred to as the Bureau, administered by the Directing Committee.

### ARTICLE V

The functions of the Conference shall be:

- (a) To give general directives on the functioning and work of the Organisation;
- (b) To elect the members of the Directing Committee and its President;
- (c) To examine the reports submitted to it by the Bureau;
- (d) To make decisions in respect of all proposals of a technical or administrative nature submitted by the Member Governments or by the Bureau;