

# INTER-INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HYDROGRAPHIC AND OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMITTEE

## CONSIDERING

That by (*Decree or Law etc*) XX of 19XX the (*name that corresponds*) is established, with the responsibility for producing (*all hydrographic surveying or nautical cartography or Maritime Safety etc....*)

That by (*Decree or Law etc*) XX of 19XX the Service (*name that corresponds*) is established with the principal mission to protect the sovereignty in the marine areas of (*Name of the Country*) and to ensure that the maritime laws in territorial and international waters are properly respected in accordance with the Marine Conventions and Treaties in force.

That the SOLAS Convention of the International Maritime Organization stipulates in its Rule 9, that Contracting Governments undertake to co-operate in carrying out, as far as possible, the following nautical and hydrographic services in accordance with the resolutions and recommendations of the International Hydrographic Organization

That, in addition to SOLAS Rule 9, Resolution N° A.958(23) of the International Maritime Organization Assembly invites Contracting Governments to establish hydrographic offices where they do not exist, in consultation with IHO

That Resolution A/RES/58/240 2003 of the United Nations Assembly, based on the UNICPOLOS recommendation, encourages intensified efforts to build capacity for developing countries to improve hydrographic services and production of nautical charts

That the International Hydrographic Organization supports the initiatives for the establishment and creation of the above-mentioned Committee and undertakes to offer technical support for the implementation of the programmes of the Committee.

## IT IS RESOLVED

**FIRST** To establish the HYDROGRAPHIC AND OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMITTEE OF (*Name of the country*), formed by the following institutions:

1. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
3. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
4. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

**SECOND:** Each institution member of the Commission will nominate a representative. These delegates will be elected within one month following the signature of the present Agreement.

**THIRD:** The Committee will elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, with a term that will be decided. A technical coordination meeting will be held annually.

**FOURTH:** Other public institutions stating in written their interest to participate and collaborate in the objectives of the Committee may join it. Their membership will be decided by agreement of the Committee members.

**FIFTH:** The Commission will be responsible for:

- a) developing the National Cartographic Scheme and for monitoring its execution and update.
- b) coordinating and planning the necessary hydrographic surveys for the development of this cartographic scheme.

- c) identifying and recommending the necessary action with respect to training of the staff and purchase of equipment for the execution of the programmes.
- d) coordinating the development of the national maritime safety.
- e) submitting an annual report to the parent organizations.

**SIXTH:** The Commission will submit for the consideration of the relevant authorities a recommendation concerning the incorporation of (*name of the country*) as a member of the INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION.

**SEVENTH:** This Agreement will enter into force on the date of its signature.

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**Signature of the relevant authorities**