

PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE IHO RESOLUTION 1/2005 AS AMENDED

Submitted by:	IRCC Chair
Executive Summary:	This paper proposes amendments to the IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended, as a response to Decision C2-20.
Related Documents:	Doc. C2-4.2, Report of the IRCC to C-2, Annex B Decision A1/19, Review of IHO Resolution 1/2005
Related Projects:	N/A

Introduction and Background

1. IRCC was tasked by the Assembly at its first Session (A-1) to review the IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended *IHO Response to Disasters* in accordance with Decision A-1/19, taking into consideration PRO-3 and related comments and submit a draft version to the Council.

Analysis and Discussion

2. Comments at A-1 pointed out that IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended was too prescriptive and also contained descriptions beyond the roles and/or scopes of RHCs and the IHO. From their experiences in recent disasters, Japan and Australia prepared a revised resolution as shown in the Appendix, subsequently endorsed by the IRCC. Main points of the draft amendments are as follows:

- a) Included the "Sendai Framework 2015-2030" as a new international reference.
- b) Contents were made less prescriptive, particularly in key elements for contingency plans.
- c) Description of roles and responsibilities were revised.
- d) Added a section on the necessity of diplomatic clearance in advance to disaster responses.

3. IRCC11 endorsed the draft IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended and decided to submit it to C-3 for subsequent consideration by A-2.

Conclusions and Recommendations

4. The draft revised IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended (Appendix), proposes an improved framework under which the IHO and the RHCs can respond to disasters with sensible measures in a timely manner, within the scope of work of both the IHO and the RHCs.

5. The IRCC invites the Council to endorse the proposed draft amendments to the IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended *IHO Response to Disasters* and to submit it for the consideration of A-2.

Justification and Impacts

6. In March 2015, the UN 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR-3) was held in Sendai in Japan and the Conference adopted "the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030". The framework invites relevant international organizations to consider and implement the key activities for understanding disaster risk, strengthening disaster risk governance and enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response.

7. This revised text of the IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended is consistent with the outcome of the WCDRR-3 and will help hydrographic offices to ensure effective disaster preparedness and response.

Action Required of the Council

8. The Council is invited to:

- a) endorse the amendments to the IHO Resolution 1/2005 (Appendix to Annex D),

- b) take any other action as it may be considered appropriate.

Appendix:

Draft Proposed Amendments to the IHO Resolution 1/2005 as amended *IHO Response to Disasters*