



EAST ASIA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

EAHC STATUTES REVIEW WORKING GROUP

GENERAL

1. As part of the East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC), the EAHC Steering Committee has agreed to establish a Working Group (WG) to review the Statutes of EAHC during the 5th EAHC Steering Committee (EAHC SC) Meeting dated 6 – 8 March, 2018 in Xiamen, China.

2. This aim of this EAHC Statutes Review Working Group (EAHC-SAWG) serves as a WG to review the EAHC Statutes periodically in order to be aligned with the on-going transformation of International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) for the mutual concern of member states (MS).

AUTHORITY

3. Continuing in the spirit of the consensus reached among the EAHC's MS, this WG is a subsidiary of EAHC and its work shall be subjected to the EAHC's approval.

PURPOSE

4. To provide continuing guidance for the conduct of the WG's reviewing works pertaining to the Statutes of EAHC.

OBJECTIVE

5. The broad objectives of the EAHC-SAWG are as follows:
- a. To promote a common understanding on the implementation of the existing EAHC Statutes.
 - b. To review and evaluate the validity and suitability of the existing EAHC Statutes in aligned to the current IHO regulatory and legislative without superseding the mutual interests of MS.
 - c. To consider and propose amendment(s) to the statutes to accommodate the strategic concerns within the region while further develop the existing engagements among MS.
 - d. To develop and update the statutes in conformity with the Commission's requirements.

COMPOSITION AND CHAIRMANSHIP

6. The standard EAHC-SAWG composition shall be as listed below:
- a. Open to representatives of EAHC MS and shall comprise of **at least 50 percent of the EAHC MS.**
 - b. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be selected during the EAHC SC Meeting by vote of the MS present and endorsed by the EAHC Chair.

SECRETARIAT

7. The Chair will host for the WG meeting and will provide the necessary secretariat to facilitate the WG's duties.

8. The secretariat shall produce a proper record of discussion that is mutually agreed upon by all the present members and compile a list of actions to be undertaken prior to the meeting's conclusion.

WORKING MODALITIES

9. The WG should work by correspondence, video conferences, group meetings or workshop.

10. The WG should advise EAHC on suggestions put forward by MS to amend the statutes in accordance with the goal of achieving the maximum possible adherence by MS.

11. The WG shall present the draft of amendment(s) of the EAHC Statutes as instructed by EAHC and advise EAHC accordingly for further endorsement.

12. Working language will be in English. Other working languages can be chosen from the working languages when accepted by consensus.