



# Amendment of the IHO Resolution 1/2005 "IHO Responses to Disaster".

by Japan

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# 1. Background

- ▶ **Action IRCC9/31** tasked East Asia Hydrographic Commission (EAHC) Chair, which was Malaysia at that time, to liaise with Japan and coordinate with the SWPHC Chair, which is Australia, to review the IHO Resolution 1/2005 "IHO Responses to Disaster" \*.
- ▶ **The Action IRCC9/31 responds to Decision A-1/19** on PRO-3 proposed by Japan with regard to the amendment of this resolution.

\* The IHO Resolution 1/2005 "IHO Responses to Disaster" describes measures to be taken by IHO MSs, RHCs and IHO Secretariat against disasters.

## 2. Significance of the amendments

- At the last IHO Assembly (IHO-A1), there were several comments that the current IHO resolution was too prescriptive and contained descriptions beyond the roles and/or scopes of RHCs and the IHO.
- From the viewpoints as well as experiences in recent disasters, Japan and Australia made a revised resolution as shown in Annex.
- The proposed draft amendment is expected to improve the feasibility and efficiency of actions against disasters by hydrographic offices in the world.



## 3. Main points of the draft amendments

- i. To add “Sendai Framework 2015-2030” as a new international trend in Section “1. Introduction”
- ii. To make contents less prescriptive by using “may” on behalf of “should”, particularly in key elements for contingency plans
- iii. To revise descriptions which would be beyond the scope of the IHO, particularly in roles of RHC and IHO Secretariat
- iv. To clarify that the role of hydrographic office in disaster response depends on a national framework in each country.
- v. To revise descriptions so that RHC and IHO Secretariat can receive information on support requests for the immediate disaster response as well as the recovery response as actions to be taken by coastal states.
- vi. To add a section to mention the necessity of diplomatic clearance in advance to disaster response support



## 4. Action required

- ▶ EAHC MSs are invited to check the amendments and to provide Japan and Australia with comments if any, by March 22<sup>nd</sup> so that it can be submitted to the next IRCC.

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