

**MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**

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**MBSCH CIRCULAR LETTER No 02/2023**

**Subject:** Outcome of the voting in response to MBSHC CL 10/2022 – Proposal of INT chart scheme by Greece

**Reference:**

- A. MBSHC CL 10/2022 – Proposal of INT chart scheme by Greece
- B. Statutes of MBSHC (9th Edition, April 2022)

Dear colleagues,

1. Deadline for voting on the proposal submitted by MBSHC CL 10/2022 (Reference A) is passed. The outcome of the vote by correspondence is as follows:
  - the Secretariat received 11 affirmative votes out of 21 Members of the MBSHC, eligible to vote.
  - the Secretariat received a copy of one Member's letter, objecting on the voting procedure for this matter with reference to Action MBSHC23/17.
  - the 11 affirmative votes were all in favour of the approval of the proposal.
  - one Member added to its vote that “\_The proposed scheme is consistent with the existent scheme in terms of coverage and scale.\_”
2. The voting procedure is defined by the Statutes of MBSHC (Reference B, Art. 4.b/):

*“The participation in conferences, either in-person or remotely, of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members States of the Commission, shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is required in advance before the adoption of any resolutions or decisions. Resolutions and decisions shall be adopted by a majority of the Member States participating, with the minimum number of affirmative votes being at least one-third (1/3) of all Member States.”*

With 11 votes received by correspondence, it is my interpretation of this Article that the required quorum is not met since the conditions required by the Statutes of the MBSHC before adopting any resolution or decision are not strictly fulfilled.

3. Considering that this voting procedure by correspondence has proved to be unsuccessful, while considering the argument received from one Member, as Chair of the MBSHC, I inform you:
- - that Decision MBSHC23/17 remains in force since it was adopted at the last Conference;
  - – that, in accordance with the Statutes of the MBSHC (Art. 7.d/), my intention is to make a call for a new voting procedure (secret ballot) in a physical session at the beginning of the MBSHC24 Conference, once the quorum is met.

I hope that the next seventeen months until the MBSHC24 will allow all MBSHC Members to make their own opinion for the final outcome to this issue.

Best regards,



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