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TRANSITION OF IHO YEARBOOK (P-5) COUNTRY PROFILES TO THE IHO PORTAL

References:

- A. IHO Council Decision 9/064 *"The Council noted the status reported by the IHO Secretariat on the IHO Portal"*.
- B. IHO Yearbook (P-5)

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The IHO Secretariat is pleased to inform Member States that IHO Yearbook (P-5) Country Profiles will be transitioned to the IHO Portal, and a new service will be officially available from **01 November 2026**. This transition forms part of the continuing digitalization of IHO information services and follows the direction reported to the IHO Council regarding the further development of the IHO Portal.

2. The new service will provide Member States with a simpler and more integrated way to maintain their national/organizational information, while enabling improved connectivity and consistency with other IHO information systems. P-5 will retain its existing content and purpose. The Country Profile will continue to provide information on the national hydrographic organization and related arrangements of each IHO Member State. The change concerns the arrangements for maintaining and managing the information P5 contains.

3. From 01 November 2026, Member States will manage and update their P-5 Country Profile information through the IHO Portal. The Portal will provide a common account and integrated environment for accessing relevant IHO services. At the same time, the updated Country Profile information will continue to be publicly available through the IHO website, as it is today.

Key improvements

- 4. The new arrangement will provide the following practical improvements:
 - Simpler updating: Member States can review and update their Country Profile information directly through the IHO Portal.
 - Integrated account management: A common IHO Portal account will provide access to relevant IHO services, reducing the need for separate accounts and improving user management.
 - Improved system integration: P-5 will be part of the wider IHO information environment, allowing relevant information to be connected and harmonized with other IHO systems and services.
 - Improved search and access: Enhanced search and navigation functions will make Country Profile information easier to find and use.
 - More timely information: A more streamlined updating process will support more regular maintenance of accurate and current Member State information.

- Continued public access: Updated Country Profiles will remain publicly accessible through the IHO website.

These improvements will support the work of the IHO programmes by providing easier access to accurate, consistent and up-to-date Member State information.

Action required from Member States

5. The transition has been designed to be straightforward. Existing P-5 information has been made available in the new Country Profile service, and Member States will not need to recreate their Country Profile from the beginning. From 1 November 2026, Member States are requested to:

- access the Country Profile service through the IHO Portal;
- review the information currently held for their country;
- ensure that an appropriate officer is responsible for maintaining the Country Profile information; and
- update any information that is no longer current.

6. Member States are encouraged to review their information at the earliest opportunity following the launch. To assist Member States with the transition, the IHO Secretariat will conduct two online training sessions on 27 October 2026, taking into account different time zones.

- **Registration for the Country Profile Training:**
Part-1: 09:00 – 11:00 (UTC+1), Registration via [this link](#)
Part-2: 15:00 – 17:00 (UTC+1), Registration via [this link](#)
- Guidance documents are available via [this link](#)

7. The transition of P-5 Country Profiles to the IHO Portal is an important step in the continued modernization of IHO information management. It will provide Member States with a more efficient way to maintain their national information, while ensuring that the updated Country Profiles remain publicly available through the IHO website, as they are today.

8. The improved integration with the IHO Portal and other IHO information systems will also provide a stronger foundation for the future development of IHO digital services. The Secretariat appreciates the cooperation of Member States in reviewing and maintaining their Country Profile information. Accurate and up-to-date Country Profiles will contribute directly to more efficient information management and support the work of the IHO.

Yours sincerely,



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