

## **International Hydrological Programme**

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# **REPORT ON THE CONSULTATION REGARDING THE UPDATE OF THE IHP STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE IHP COUNCIL - RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF TERMS OF THE IHP CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS**

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

### Summary

This document presents a summary of the consultation for the update of the IHP Statutes and of the Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council, closed on 31 December 2016. The summary establishes a count of all contributions to the consultation, and presents answers on two requested points:

- Regarding the election of Bureau Members, there is a clear preference from Member States to have Bureau Members elected as country representatives and not in their personal capacity. Legal Affairs confirmed this as the procedure to follow.
- Regarding the scenarios for the optimal representation of all regions to IHP Bureau session, Member States expressed a clear wish that the replacement of any absent Bureau Members be from the same country.

The IHP Secretariat received a total of 22 contributions to the consultation for the update of the IHP Statutes and of the Rules of Procedure of the IHP Council, equating to the expressions of 105 Member States, as detailed below:

Group	Number of regional responses	Total number of individual responses	Comments
Group I	1	The regional response equates to 27 countries (we received also 5 individual responses out of these 27).	Individual country responses: Germany, Norway, Portugal, Turkey and the United Kingdom.
Group II	0	5	Czech Republic, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia and Slovenia.
Group III	0	3	Argentina, Mexico and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
Group IV	0	4	Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia and Pakistan.
Group Va	1	The regional response equates to 47 countries (received also 1 individual response out of these 47).	Individual country response: Uganda.
Group Vb	1	The regional response equates to 19 countries (received also 1 individual response out of these 19).	Individual country responses: Iraq.
Total	3	105	N/A

Several countries sent detailed edits of the texts, such as: Group Vb, the Czech Republic, Mexico, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Turkey and Uganda. All other countries sent general comments.

Regarding the two precise questions raised by Resolution XXII-1 of the last 22<sup>nd</sup> Council, below a summarizing table:

**1. Are members of the IHP Bureau elected in personal capacity or as representatives of Member States?**

	Personal Capacity	Representatives of MS	No answer
Number of votes in favour	5 (Mexico, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Slovenia)	97 (Group I, Group Va, Group Vb, Czech Republic, Japan, Pakistan, Slovakia)	3 (Argentina, Malaysia and Mongolia)

**2. Scenarios to ensure that all regions are represented in a specific IHP Bureau session if a Bureau member is unable to attend**

	An official alternate should be elected at the same time as the Bureau member for each region. The alternate is from the same region.	Member State is free to choose who will represent	Other responses
Number of votes in favour	4 (Mexico, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia)	96 Details: The replacement should be from the same country: 77 votes (Group I, Group Va, Czech Republic, Iraq, Slovakia);  The replacement should be from the same region: 18 votes (Group Vb);  The replacement can be from the same region or from the same country: 1 vote	3 countries did not respond (Argentina, Malaysia and Mongolia); Saint Vincent and the Grenadines only responded regarding the absence of the Chairperson and suggests that the Bureau member from the country that follows alphabetically replaces the Chairperson; Pakistan suggests that the missing Bureau member joins via conference call.

(Japan)

Region II states that they are underrepresented in the Council and want the number of countries from Region II to increase from 4 to 5 or 6 in the Council.

Representative of the Latin American and Caribbean Group, Ms. Claudine de Kerdaniel from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, requests an extension of the deadline so as to receive a regional response.