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- improvements in water level measuring devices have been incorporated;
- the use of mercury has been removed;
- the old [Annex A](#) has been divided into three new separate [Annexes A, B and C](#);
- in the new [Annex A](#), the electronic techniques that are currently more commonly used have been brought to the front in order to give them a greater emphasis.

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## Introduction

Measuring the level of water surface is very important in hydrometry for the purpose of, among other things, determining flow rates. Information about water levels is also used in operational water management, including the design of dikes and storm surge warning services. Water level information also provides decision-making guidance to shipping activities.