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**CIRCULAR LETTER 48/2019**  
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**NEW IHO MEMBER STATE -  
INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA**

Reference: Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The IHO Secretariat has been informed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Government of Monaco that the Government of the Independent State of Samoa deposited its Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization on 02 May 2019. Accordingly, the IHO Secretariat is very pleased to announce that the Independent State of Samoa has become the 93<sup>rd</sup> Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization as of that date.
2. Separately, the Government of the Principality of Monaco, through normal diplomatic channels, is now informing the States Parties to the IHO Convention that, in conformity with Article XX, the Convention entered into force for the Independent State of Samoa on 02 May 2019.
3. The IHO Secretariat is delighted to welcome the Independent State of Samoa to the IHO.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General