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NEW IHO MEMBER STATE

REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

Dear Sir,

The Directing Committee is pleased to announce that the Government of the Principality of Monaco (depository of the IHO Convention) has informed the International Hydrographic Bureau that the Government of Colombia deposited its Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization on 11 December 1998.

The Government of the Principality of Monaco is taking the necessary action to inform the Government parties to the IHO Convention that, in conformity with Article XX, the Convention entered into force for Colombia on 11 December 1998. Colombia therefore became a Member of the Organization with effect from that date.

The accession of Colombia increases the total membership of the IHO to sixty-seven Member States. The Directing Committee is delighted to welcome Colombia to the IHO and to the international hydrographic community.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

Commodore John LEECH
Director