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APPLICATION BY MEXICO FOR IHO MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to announce that an official application for membership of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) has been received by the Government of the Principality of Monaco from the Government of Mexico, who has reported a tonnage figure of 170,357.41 tonnes.

The Directing Committee is particularly happy about this recent application which can be seen as the result of the visits made by the Directing Committee to Mexico in the past years, the diplomatic efforts made by the Government of Monaco and of the involvement of this very important maritime state in the activities of the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico Hydrographic Commission.

The Government of the Principality of Monaco, as Depository for the Convention of the IHO, has initiated action to obtain approval from the Member Governments of the IHO, in accordance with Article XX of the IHO Convention.

You are kindly requested to contact appropriate officials in your Government with the responsibility for handling such requests to urge them to handle this application as soon as possible. If your Government approves, their official notification should, of course, be sent directly to the Government of Monaco through the appropriate diplomatic channels, with a copy to the Bureau.

On behalf of the Directing Committee,
Yours sincerely,

Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President