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OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE IHO IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reference: IHB Circular Letter 34/2001, dated 16 July 2001.

Dear Sir,

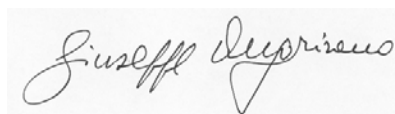
The Directing Committee is delighted to announce that the IHO was granted Observer Status at the 56th Session of the UN General Assembly on 12 December 2001.

A Speech was very kindly delivered, on behalf of the President of the IHB Directing Committee, at the UN General Assembly by Captain David Macfarland, Director of the Office of Coast Survey, at the National Ocean Service, NOAA, USA. He has since reported back to the IHB that the IHO was granted Observer Status without a vote, and that he was invited to address the Assembly from the podium. He reports that when he returned to his seat, he was approached by several delegates who wished to congratulate him and enquire about joining the IHO. He spoke to ambassadors and delegates from Sierra Leone, Barbados, Micronesia, Grenada, Yemen, Guatemala (suspended IHO Member State) and Mexico (pending IHO Member State).

We are extremely grateful to HSH Prince Albert of Monaco who, in his capacity as Head of the Permanent Mission of the Government of Monaco at the UN, submitted this proposal to the UN General Assembly, and to the Government of Monaco for all their valuable support in this endeavour. The IHB wishes to thank in particular H.E. Mr. Patrick Leclercq, Minister of State and Director of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Government of Monaco as well as Ambassador Jacques Boisson of the Permanent Mission of Monaco at the UN. We are also grateful to the nations who supported the proposal of the Monaco Government (see para. II of the annex to this CL).

We attach herewith, for your information, a copy UN Document A/56/597 which contains the text of UN Resolution 56/91 adopted by the UN General Assembly.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



Rear Admiral Giuseppe ANGRISANO
President

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Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mahmoud M. Al-Naman (Saudi Arabia)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly” was included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly at the request of Monaco.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 7th and 8th meetings, on 11 and 12 October 2001. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/56/SR.7 and 8).
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 2 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Monaco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/145).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.2

5. At the 7th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of Monaco, on behalf of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Italy, Monaco, Morocco, the Netherlands, Peru, the Philippines, Poland and Portugal, subsequently joined by Algeria, Bangladesh, Chile, China, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mozambique, Norway, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine, Uruguay and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft



resolution entitled “Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly” (A/C.6/56/L.2).

6. At its 8th meeting, on 12 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.2 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Hydrographic Organization,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Hydrographic Organization to participate in its sessions and its work in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.
