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NEW IHO MEMBER STATE

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

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Dear Sir,

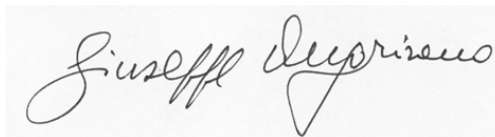
We are very pleased to announce that Slovenia has become the 72nd Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization. The IHB was informed by the External Relations Department of Monaco that, on 15 April 2002, Slovenia, whose application for membership had been approved by the required two-thirds of the IHO Member States on 9 April 2002, deposited their Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization with the Government of the Principality of Monaco (depository of the IHO Convention).

The Government of the Principality of Monaco will shortly be informing the Government parties to the IHO Convention that, in conformity with Article XX, the Convention entered into force for Slovenia on 15 April 2002.

The Directing Committee thanks the Government of Slovenia for the prompt deposit of their Instrument of Accession (only 6 days after the notification of their approval) and has much pleasure in welcoming Slovenia to the IHO and to the international hydrographic community. It was particularly satisfying that the Slovenian Delegation to the XVIth International Hydrographic Conference (14-19 April 2002) was able to participate in the work of the Conference as a Member State.

We look forward to continuing the fruitful cooperation with the Slovenian Hydrographic Service in the field of nautical chart production.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



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