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9 August 2002**

**APPLICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
FOR IHO MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Sir,

The Directing Committee has much pleasure to announce that an official application, dated 5 July 2002, for membership of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) has been received by the Government of the Principality of Monaco from the Government of the Republic of Latvia. They have reported a tonnage figure of 507,148 tonnes.

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 of such notification being sent to the Bureau.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,


Rear Admiral Neil GUY
Director