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NEW IHO MEMBER STATE

STATE OF KUWAIT

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Dear Hydrographer,

We are delighted to announce that Kuwait has become the 73rd Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization. The External Relations Department of Monaco has informed the IHB that Kuwait, whose application for membership had been approved by the required two-thirds of the IHO Member States on 7 April 1998, deposited their Instrument of Accession to the IHO Convention on 6 September with the Government of the Principality of Monaco (depository of the IHO Convention).

The Government of Monaco will inform all the Government parties to the IHO Convention that, in conformity with Article XX, the Convention entered into force for Kuwait on 6 September 2002.

The Directing Committee has much pleasure in welcoming Kuwait to the IHO and to the international hydrographic community.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

(original signed)

Rear Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President