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**APPLICATION BY THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
FOR IHO MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Hydrographer,

The Directing Committee has much pleasure 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 the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They have reported a tonnage figure of 1 458 309 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,

(original signed)

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President