

UPDATE CONCERNING SITUATION OF PENDING MEMBER STATES

Dear Hydrographer,

I am pleased to provide you herewith the latest situation concerning those countries whose applications for membership of the IHO are still pending.

**A. Countries whose application for membership has been approved but which have not yet deposited their Instrument of Accession:**

BULGARIA's application was approved on 24 April 1992; MAURITANIA's application was approved in February 1991 and QATAR's application was approved on 11 November 1993.

To date none of the Governments of the above-mentioned countries have deposited their Instrument of Accession with the Government of Monaco.

**B. Countries which have not yet obtained the required approval (countries are listed in alphabetical order):**

1. **LATVIA** applied for membership on 5 July 2002 (CL29/02 refers) and at present has obtained 26 approvals out of a required 46.
2. **MAURITIUS** applied for membership on 20 August 2001 (CL38/01 refers) and at present has obtained 29 approvals out of a required 44.
3. **MYANMAR** applied for membership on 4 October 1999 (CL58/99 refers) and at present has obtained 42 approvals out of a required 43.
4. **ROMANIA** applied for membership on 10 April 2002 (CL18/02 refers) and at present has obtained 28 approvals out of a required 45.
5. **SAUDI ARABIA** applied for membership in September 2002 (CL43/02 refers) and at present has obtained 22 approvals out of a required 47.

The Directing Committee would naturally like to see the IHO membership process speeded up, and would therefore be very grateful to IHO Member States if they could actively encourage their Governments to approve the above five pending applications. Thank you for your cooperation.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

*(original signed)*

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President