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NEW IHO MEMBER STATE

UNION OF MYANMAR

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Dear Hydrographer,

The Directing Committee is very pleased to announce that Myanmar has become the 74th Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization. The IHB was informed by the External Relations Department of Monaco that, on 9 September 2003, Myanmar, whose application for membership had been approved by the required two-thirds of the IHO Member States on 1 April 2003, deposited their Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization with the Government of Monaco (depository of the IHO Convention).

The Government of the Principality of Monaco is informing the Government parties to the IHO Convention that, in conformity with Article XX, the Convention entered into force for Myanmar on 9 September 2003.

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

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

(original signed)

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President