

**UPDATE CONCERNING SITUATION OF PENDING MEMBER STATES**

**Reference: IHB CL14/2003 dated 10 February 2003**

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. The IHB will communicate once again with these countries in order to establish their intentions to deposit their Instrument of Accession.

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 36 approvals out of a required 46.
2. **MAURITIUS** applied for membership on 20 August 2001 (CL38/01 refers) and at present has obtained 35 approvals out of a required 44.
3. **ROMANIA** applied for membership on 10 April 2002 (CL18/02 refers) and at present has obtained 32 approvals out of a required 45.
4. **SAUDI ARABIA** applied for membership in September 2002 (CL43/02 refers) and at present has obtained 29 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 four pending applications. Please find in the 4 annexes to this Circular Letter, the list of IHO Member States who have already approved the membership of the 4 pending countries mentioned above. Thank you for your cooperation.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,  
*(original signed)*  
Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President

- Annex A : List of IHO Member States who have approved - Latvia  
Annex B: List of IHO Member States who have approved - Mauritius  
Annex C: List of IHO Member States who have approved - Romania  
Annex D: List of IHO Member States who have approved - Saudi Arabia

LIST OF IHO MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE APPROVED LATVIA

1. Bahrain
2. Brazil
3. Canada
4. Chile
5. China
6. Cyprus
7. Croatia
8. Cuba
9. Denmark
10. Estonia
11. France
12. Germany
13. Greece
14. Indonesia
15. Japan
16. Korea (DPR)
17. Korea (Rep of)
18. Mexico
19. Monaco
20. Morocco
21. Netherlands
22. New Zealand
23. Norway
24. Pakistan
25. Peru
26. Poland
27. Serbia and Montenegro (former Yugoslavia)
28. Singapore
29. Slovenia
30. South Africa
31. Spain
32. Sri Lanka
33. Sweden
34. Tunisia
35. Turkey
36. United Kingdom

LIST OF IHO MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE APPROVED MAURITIUS

1. Argentina
2. Australia
3. Brazil
4. Canada
5. Chile
6. China
7. Colombia
8. Cyprus
9. Croatia
10. Cuba
11. Denmark
12. Finland
13. France
14. Greece
15. Jamaica
16. Japan
17. Korea (DPR)
18. Monaco
19. Mozambique
20. Netherlands
21. New Zealand
22. Norway
23. Pakistan
24. Peru
25. Poland
26. Portugal
27. Serbia and Montenegro (former Yugoslavia)
28. Singapore
29. Sweden
30. Tonga
31. Tunisia
32. Turkey
33. Ukraine
34. United Kingdom
35. United States

LIST OF IHO MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE APPROVED ROMANIA

1. Bahrain
2. Brazil
3. Canada
4. Chile
5. China
6. Cyprus
7. Croatia
8. Denmark
9. Estonia
10. France
11. Greece
12. India
13. Italy
14. Japan
15. Korea (DPR)
16. Korea (Rep. Of)
17. Mexico
18. Monaco
19. Morocco
20. Mozambique
21. Netherlands
22. New Zealand
23. Norway
24. Pakistan
25. Peru
26. Philippines
27. Poland
28. Tunisia
29. Turkey
30. United Kingdom
31. United States
32. Uruguay

LIST OF IHO MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE APPROVED SAUDI ARABIA

1. Argentina
2. Australia
3. Bahrain
4. Belgium
5. Brazil
6. Chile
7. China
8. Croatia
9. Cuba
10. Estonia
11. France
12. Germany
13. Italy
14. Japan
15. Korea (DPR)
16. Korea (Rep Of)
17. Kuwait
18. Mexico
19. Netherlands
20. New Zealand
21. Norway
22. Oman
23. Poland
24. Spain
25. Sri Lanka
26. Tunisia
27. United Arab Emirates
28. United States
29. Uruguay