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UPDATE CONCERNING SITUATION OF PENDING MEMBER STATES

Ref: IHB CL 3/2004 dated 9 January 2004.

Dear Hydrographer,

I am pleased to provide you herewith the latest situation concerning those countries whose applications for IHO membership are 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 enquire into their intentions to deposit their Instrument of Accession.

In addition to the above-listed countries, the membership application made by MAURITIUS in 2001 was approved in August 2004; to date no further news has been received concerning the deposit of their Instrument of Accession.

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

1. CAMEROON applied for membership in June 2004 (CL36/2004 refers) and to date has obtained 26 approvals. A total of 47 approvals is required.

2. IRELAND applied for membership on 22 November 2004 (CL82/2004 refers) and at present has obtained 5 approvals. A total of 47 approvals is required.

3. LATVIA applied for membership on 5 July 2002 (CL29/02 refers) and at present has obtained 45 approvals out of a required 46.

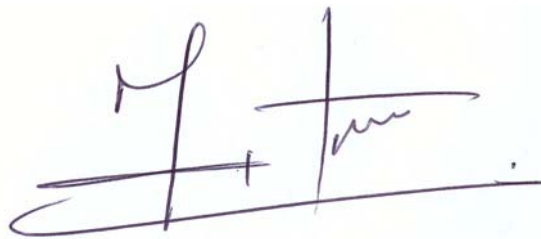
4. ROMANIA applied for membership on 10 April 2002 (CL18/02 refers) and to date has obtained 43 approvals out of a required 45.

5. SAUDI ARABIA applied for membership in September 2002 (CL43/02 refers) and to date has obtained 44 approvals out of a required 47.

In view of the forthcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary I.H. Conference in April, the Directing Committee is very keen for the IHO membership process to be speeded up, particularly in the case of Latvia, Romania and Saudi Arabia which have all practically obtained the two-thirds majority required. The DC would be delighted to see these countries participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> EIHC as full IHO Member States, and would therefore be most grateful to those IHO Member States, whose Governments have not yet approved these pending applications (see list provided in Annex A), if they could actively encourage their Government authorities to do so as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Maratos', written over a light blue background. The signature is stylized with a large 'M' and 'A'.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President

Annex A

**APPROVAL SITUATION OF PENDING MEMBER STATES**

*Note by IHB: According to the latest information we hold on record, the following countries have not notified their approval of the applications for IHO membership made by Latvia, Romania and Saudi Arabia to the External Relations Department of the Government of Monaco.*

**LATVIA**

Algeria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Iceland, India, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Russia, Syria, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela.

**ROMANIA**

Algeria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Iceland, Jamaica, Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela.

**SAUDI ARABIA**

Algeria, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Iceland, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Singapore, Slovenia, Syria, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela.

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