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NEW IHO MEMBER STATE

REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

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Dear Hydrographer,

The Directing Committee is very happy to announce that Latvia has become the 75th Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization. The IHB has received official confirmation from the External Relations Department of Monaco that Latvia, whose application for membership had recently received the required approval by two-thirds of the IHO Member States, deposited their Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization with the Government of Monaco (depository of the IHO Convention) on 17 March 2005.

The Government of the Principality of Monaco is informing the Government parties to the IHO Convention that, in conformity with Article XX, the Convention therefore entered into force for Latvia on 17 March 2005.

The Directing Committee is delighted to welcome Latvia to the IHO and to the international hydrographic community, and is particularly pleased that Latvia will be able to participate in the 3rd Extraordinary I.H. Conference with full voting rights in its capacity as an IHO Member State.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President