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NEW IHO MEMBER STATE

REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

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Dear Hydrographer,

The Directing Committee is very happy to announce that the Republic of Mauritius has become the 76th Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization. The IHB has received official confirmation from the External Relations Department of Monaco that Mauritius, whose application for membership had 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 4 August 2005.

The Government of the Principality of Monaco informs the Government parties to the IHO Convention that, in conformity with Article XX, the Convention therefore entered into force for Mauritius on 4 August 2005.

The Directing Committee is delighted to welcome Mauritius to the IHO and to the international hydrographic community.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President