

**INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC
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**APPLICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
FOR IHO MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Hydrographer,

The Directing Committee is delighted to announce that an official application for membership of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) has been recently received by the Government of the Principality of Monaco from the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone. They have indicated that their national tonnage figure is 110,000 tonnes.

The Government of the Principality of Monaco, as Depositary for the Convention of the IHO, has initiated action to obtain approval from the Member Governments of the IHO, in accordance with Article XX of the IHO Convention.

You are kindly requested to contact appropriate officials in your Government with the responsibility for handling such requests to urge them to handle this application as soon as possible. If your Government approves, their official notification should, of course, be sent directly to the Government of Monaco through the appropriate diplomatic channels with a copy of such notification being sent to the Bureau.

Thank you for your cooperation.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Barbor', is written over a horizontal line.

Rear Admiral Kenneth BARBOR
Director