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**NEW IHO MEMBER STATE**

**SAUDI ARABIA**

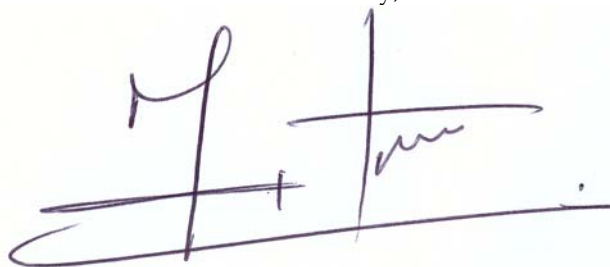
Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Directing Committee is very pleased to announce that Saudi Arabia has become the 78th Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization. The IHB has now received official confirmation from the External Relations Department of Monaco that Saudi Arabia, whose application for membership had received the required approval by two-thirds of the IHO Member States in April 2005, deposited their Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization with the Government of Monaco (depository of the IHO Convention) on 27 February 2007.

2 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 Saudi Arabia on 27 February 2007.

3 The Directing Committee is delighted to welcome Saudi Arabia to the IHO and to the international hydrographic community.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,



Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President