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NEW IHO MEMBER STATE

QATAR

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Directing Committee is very pleased to announce that Qatar has become the 79th Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization. The IHB has now received official confirmation from the External Relations Department of Monaco that Qatar, whose application for membership had received the required approval by two-thirds of the IHO Member States in November 1993, deposited their Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization with the Government of Monaco (depository of the IHO Convention) on 2 May 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 Qatar on 2 May 2007.

3 The Directing Committee is delighted to welcome Qatar to the IHO and to the international hydrographic community, and was particularly satisfied to see a delegation from Qatar at the 17th International Hydrographic Conference.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President