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### **REINSTATEMENT OF SURINAME**

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Directing Committee is pleased to report that Suriname, whose rights and benefits had been suspended on 1 July 1991 in accordance with the provisions of Article XV of the IHO Convention, has paid its outstanding contributions on 26 December 2007. From this date the rights and benefits of Suriname are reinstated such that it can once again actively participate in all the functions of the Organization.

2 This result was achieved after prolonged communications with Suriname together with the cooperation of The Netherland's Hydrographic Office. A technical visit was made in early December 2007 in which Mrs. Richel APINSA, Suriname Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism and Officers of the Maritime Authority of Suriname were briefed on the current activities of the organization and on the benefits of IHO membership.

3 The Directing Committee welcomes the return of Suriname to the Organization as a full member, and hopes that Suriname will participate actively in the work of Committees and working groups of the Organization. The participation of Suriname as a Member State in the activities of the Meso-American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) will contribute significantly to issues affecting safety at sea and protection of the marine environment in a very sensitive sea area.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS  
President