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STATUS ON VOTING ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION

Reference: CL 01/2011 date 05 January 2011

Dear Hydrographer,

1 According to the latest information provided by the External Relations Department of the Government of Monaco, to date, 32 Member State Governments have formally notified their approval of the protocol of amendments to the Convention of IHO, as approved at the 3rd Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC) in April 2005. Those Member States which have NOT yet approved the protocol of amendments are listed in the attached Annex.

2 The Directing Committee urges Member States having not yet approved the protocol of amendments appearing in the Annex to actively follow up this matter with their Government authorities. In order for the protocol of amendments to be approved and enter into force 48 approvals are needed, meaning 16 more. If 16 approvals are received by early January 2012 at the latest, then the 2012 Conference could be held as the first Assembly meeting and the IHO Council could be selected and approved by the Assembly. This should be considered as a goal/target of the Organization and the Directing Committee stands ready to provide any support that Member States may require.

3 Based on the decision taken during the last meeting of the Inter Regional Coordination Committee (IRCC), the Directing Committee has requested the Department of the External Relations of the Government of Monaco to address, through diplomatic channels, to the Governments of the Member States of Annex, a similar request for the need to accelerate their internal procedures so that the Protocol of amendments to the Convention of IHO may be approved by the end of this year.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "A. Maratos", written over a horizontal line.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President

Annex: List of Member States who have not yet approved the protocol of amendments.

LIST OF MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE NOT YET APPROVED
THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION OF THE IHO

Algeria
Argentina
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belgium
Chile
China
Colombia
*Congo
Croatia
*Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
Fiji
Guatemala
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Jamaica
Kuwait
Malaysia
Mauritius
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nigeria
New Zealand
Oman
Peru
Philippines
Qatar
Romania
Russia
Saudi Arabia
Serbia
Singapour
Slovenia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Suriname
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailande
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Turkey
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Venezuela

* Suspended Member States