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CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The IHO Finance Committee (FC) will meet on Saturday 21 April in the Auditorium Rainier III, in Monaco prior to the XVIIIth International Hydrographic Conference (IHC). Mr Claude COTTALORDA (Monaco) the Chairman of the FC had previously informed the Directing Committee that he would not be available to Chair the meeting of the FC as his retirement from Government service falls due immediately before the Conference. Ordinarily, and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the Vice-Chair of the FC Mr Alain LAISNE-WOLL would assume the position and duties of the Chair. However, we have most recently been informed by France that Mr LAISNE-WOLL will not be available to replace Mr COTTALORDA and chair the FC meeting due to ill-health. Considering these unforeseen circumstances the Directing Committee considers that either a nominated member of the FC or the President of the Directing Committee should chair the FC meeting. Accordingly, Member States are invited to indicate if they wish to nominate a delegate to Chair the meeting of the FC on Saturday 21 April. In the absence of any nominations, the President of the Directing Committee is prepared to Chair the meeting.

2 In the longer term, the Government of Monaco has informed the Directing Committee that, as in the past, it is prepared to continue to provide a senior government finance official to Chair the FC for the five year period after the Conference if so agreed by Member States. No nominations have yet been received for the position of Vice-Chairman of the FC for the five year period after the Conference. Member States are requested to forward any nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the FC to the Directing Committee.

3 The Directing Committee also requests Member States to consider nominating a member of its IHC delegation to undertake the task of rapporteur of the meeting of the FC.

4 Member States are requested to provide their nominations and any comments on the above three issues as soon as possible but no later than Monday 16th April.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President