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**CIRCULAR LETTER 50/2012
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NEW IHO MEMBER STATE

REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

Dear Hydrographer,

1 The Directing Committee is very pleased to announce that Cameroon has become the 81st Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization. On 11 May the Directing Committee received official confirmation from the External Relations Department of Monaco that Cameroon had deposited its Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization with the Government of Monaco (depository of the IHO Convention) on 20 April 2012. Cameroon had previously obtained the required approval of two-thirds of the IHO Member States in March 2009.

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 entered into force for Cameroon on 20 April 2012.

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

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Maratos', is written over a light blue rectangular background. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President