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NEW IHO MEMBER STATES

- GEORGIA AND VIET NAM

References:

- A. IHO CL 76/2011 dated 2 December - *Application by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for IHO Membership*
- B. IHO CL 75/2012 dated 31 July - *Application by Georgia for IHO Membership*
- C. IHO CL 01/2015 dated 06 January - *Status Report on Approvals of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO and of Applications from New Member States*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Directing Committee has been informed by the Department (Ministry) of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Government of Monaco that Georgia and Viet Nam deposited their Instruments of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization on 2 March 2015. Accordingly, the Directing Committee is very pleased to announce that Georgia has become the 83rd Member State and Viet Nam the 84th Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization.
2. References A and B announced the applications from Viet Nam and Georgia for membership of the IHO: these two countries subsequently obtained the required approval of two-thirds of the IHO Member States in November 2014 (Reference C).
3. The Government of the Principality of Monaco is now informing the Governments Parties to the IHO Convention that, in conformity with Article XX, the Convention entered into force for Georgia and Viet Nam on 2 March 2015.
4. The Directing Committee is delighted to welcome Georgia and Viet Nam to the IHO.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Robert WARD
President