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**MALTA, VANUATU, SOLOMON ISLANDS, CONGO -
DIPLOMATIC REQUEST SEEKING APPROVAL
OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE IHO**

References:

- A. IHO CL 32/2015 of 13 April - *Applications for Membership of the IHO from the Republic of Malta and the Republic of Vanuatu.*
- B. IHO CL 62/2015 of 26 August – *Republic of the Congo and the Solomon Islands - Applications for Membership of the IHO*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. As announced in the Circular Letters in References A and B, the Government of the Principality of Monaco has taken action, through diplomatic channels, to seek the approval of the Governments of existing IHO Member States for the membership applications received from Malta, Vanuatu, Congo and the Solomon Islands.

2. With a view to accelerating the approval procedure as far as possible and as announced in the above-referenced Circular Letters, the Directing Committee is pleased to provide each national Hydrographer with a copy of the diplomatic request which has been sent by the Government of Monaco to the accredited Embassy or Consulate of their Government. This request includes a *Note verbale* for the further attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Treaties) in each IHO Member State. We believe that providing these copies may help Hydrographers in contacting their Government authorities on this subject. To further facilitate the follow-up process, the IHB is also providing a courtesy translation of the diplomatic request in English or Spanish, as appropriate.

3. We thank all Hydrographers in advance for the assistance that they may be able to provide in seeking the timely approval of their governments for the four applications for membership of the IHO.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,



Robert WARD
President

Attachments:

- Copy of Note verbale DREC N°2015-016099 dated 21 August 2015 (without enclosures)
- Courtesy translation

DRECN°2015-016099
DAI/TC N°201501716

Le Département des Relations Extérieures et de la Coopération de la Principauté de Monaco présente ses compliments à l'Ambassade de (*pays*) à Monaco/en France et, en sa qualité de dépositaire de la Convention relative à l'Organisation hydrographique internationale (OHI) adoptée à Monaco le 3 mai 1967 et modifiée par le Protocole du 14 avril 2005, prie cette Ambassade de bien vouloir faire parvenir la Note verbale ci-jointe au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères (Service des Traités) de (*pays*), concernant les demandes d'adhésion de la République de Malte, de la République de Vanuatu, des Iles Salomon et de la République du Congo à ladite Convention.

Conformément aux dispositions de l'article XVI de la Convention relative à l'OHI, le Dépositaire informe le Secrétaire général de l'Organisation et tous les Etats membres de toute demande d'adhésion qui est faite par les Etats.

Ce Département précise en outre que, conformément aux dispositions de l'article XX de la Convention suscitée, l'adhésion de la République de Malte, de la République de Vanuatu, des Iles Salomon et de la République du Congo est soumise à l'approbation des deux tiers des Etats membres.

Le Département des Relations Extérieures et de la Coopération de la Principauté de Monaco saisit cette occasion pour renouveler à l'Ambassade de (*pays*) à Monaco/en France les assurances de sa haute considération.

Monaco, le 21 août 2015

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Ambassade/Consulat de (*pays*)
Monaco/France

[Unofficial English Courtesy Translation]

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco presents its compliments to the Embassy/Consulate of (*country*) in Monaco/France and, as the Depositary Government for the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) which was adopted in Monaco on 3 May 1967 and modified by the Protocol of 14 April 2005, kindly requests the Embassy to forward the attached *Note verbale* to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department of Treaties) of (*country*) concerning the applications for accession to the IHO Convention from the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and the Republic of the Congo.

In accordance with the provisions of Article XVI of the Convention on the IHO, the Depositary shall inform the Secretary General of the Organization and all the Member States of any application for accession received from States.

Furthermore this Ministry points out that, in accordance with the provisions of Article XX of the Convention cited above, the accession of the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and the Republic of the Congo requires the approval of two-thirds of the Member States.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy/Consulate of (*country*) in Monaco/France the assurances of its high consideration.

Monaco, 21 August 2015

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Embassy/Consulate of (*country*)
Monaco/France
