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**PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION ON THE IHO**  
**47 OF 48 APPROVALS ACHIEVED**

**Reference:**

- A. IHO Resolution 1/2009 - *Determining the majority required to approve amendments to the Convention*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The Directing Committee is pleased to report that the Parliament of the Republic of Turkey approved the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO on 24 March. The Government of Turkey is expected to notify the Government of Monaco, who is the Depositary State for the Convention, in the very near future.

2. This means that 47 of the minimum number of 48 Member States have now formally approved the Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the IHO. The remaining States that are eligible to vote in accordance with Reference A, but have yet to indicate their position are:

Bahrein, Colombia, Croatia, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Guatemala, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nigeria, Oman, Philippines, Singapore, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

3. Noting that only one more approval is required to enable the Protocol of Amendments to enter in to force, the Hydrographers of the above Member States are strongly encouraged to take whatever action is appropriate to hasten the consideration of the Protocol by their governments. The Directing Committee stands ready to provide any guidance, documentation or other support that may be required.

On behalf of the Directing Committee  
Yours sincerely,

Robert WARD  
President

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- Pending Member States whose application for membership has been approved: Bulgaria, Haiti, Mauritania, Sierra Leone.
- States whose application for membership has not yet been approved by the requested majority: Congo, Malta, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.
- Department of External Relations and Cooperation of the Government of Monaco.