

PROCESS TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION

Governments of States that are Member States of the United Nations may join the IHO by submitting a Letter of Accession to the Convention on the IHO through diplomatic channels, to the Government of the Principality of Monaco.

Those States wishing to join the IHO that are already Member States of the United Nations are invited to submit a letter of accession to “the Convention on the IHO” through diplomatic channels, to the Government of the Principality of Monaco, as Depositary Government for the Convention on the IHO. Their accession will take effect on the date on which the letter of accession is received by the Depositary Government (Monaco).

An example of a Note verbale for a Member State of the United Nations to submit its letter of accession to the Convention on the IHO is attached. The application should indicate the tonnage of the State's registered (flag) fleet. The tonnage figure is obtained by adding $\frac{6}{7}$ of the displacement tonnage of warships of greater than 100 tons to the gross tonnage of all other vessels greater than 100 tons.

Example of a *Note verbale* for a Member State of the United Nations to apply for membership of the IHO

Le [*Ministre des affaires étrangères/Représentant du gouvernement autorisé concerné*] de [*Etat membre des NU qui a déposé une demande d'adhésion à l'OHI*] présente ses compliments au Ministre des relations extérieures et de la coopération de la Principauté de Monaco et a l'honneur de déclarer que le gouvernement de [*Etat membre des NU qui a déposé une demande d'adhésion à l'OHI*] souhaite devenir un Etat membre de l'Organisation hydrographique internationale.

A l'appui de son souhait, le [*Ministre des affaires étrangères/Représentant du gouvernement autorisé concerné*] a l'honneur d'attester que le gouvernement de [*Etat membre des NU qui a déposé une demande d'adhésion à l'OHI*] adhère à la Convention de l'Organisation hydrographique internationale, dont copie est jointe en annexe*.

En outre, le [*Ministre des affaires étrangères/Représentant du gouvernement autorisé concerné*] de [*Etat membre des NU qui a déposé une demande d'adhésion à l'OHI*] a l'honneur de préciser que le tonnage brut de la flotte marchande et des bâtiments de guerre de [*Etat membre des NU qui a déposé une demande d'adhésion à l'OHI*], calculé conformément aux dispositions de l'article 5 du Règlement financier de l'Organisation hydrographique internationale, s'élève à [*insérer le chiffre*] tonnes.

Le [*Ministre des affaires étrangères/Représentant du gouvernement autorisé concerné*] de [*Etat membre des NU qui a déposé une demande d'adhésion à l'OHI*] saurait gré au Ministre des relations extérieures et de la coopération de la Principauté de Monaco de bien vouloir confirmer l'adhésion de [*Etat membre des NU qui a déposé une demande d'adhésion à l'OHI*] en tant qu'Etat membre de l'Organisation hydrographique internationale et de bien vouloir informer en conséquence les Etats membres ainsi que le Secrétariat de l'Organisation hydrographique internationale.

Le [*Ministre des affaires étrangères/Représentant du gouvernement autorisé concerné*] de [*Etat membre des NU qui a déposé une demande d'adhésion à l'OHI*] remercie le Ministre des relations extérieures et de la coopération de la Principauté de Monaco et saisit cette opportunité pour lui renouveler l'assurance de sa plus haute considération.

TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT:

The [*Minister for Foreign Affairs/Relevant Authorised Government Official*] of [*UN Member State applying to join the IHO*] presents his compliments to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco and has the honour to declare that the Government of [*UN Member State applying to join the IHO*] wishes to become a Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization.

In support of its wishes, The [*Minister for Foreign Affairs/Relevant Authorised Government Official*] has the honour to affirm that the Government of [*UN Member State applying to join the IHO*] accedes to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization, a copy of which is annexed herewith*.

Furthermore, the [*Minister for Foreign Affairs/Relevant Authorised Government Official*] of [*UN Member State applying to join the IHO*] has the honour to state that the gross tonnage of the merchant fleet and ships of war of [*UN Member State applying to join the IHO*], calculated in accordance with Article 5 of the Financial Regulations of the International Hydrographic Organization, is [.....] tons.

The [*Minister for Foreign Affairs/Relevant Authorised Government Official*] of [*UN Member State applying to join the IHO*] would be grateful if the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco would confirm the accession of [*UN Member State applying to join the IHO*] as a Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization and inform the Member States and the Secretariat of the International Hydrographic Organization accordingly.

The [*Minister for Foreign Affairs/Relevant Authorised Government Official*] of [*UN Member State applying to join the IHO*] thanks the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco and avails [*himself/herself*] of this opportunity to renew to [*him/her*] the assurance of [*his/her*] highest consideration.

* The text of the IHO Convention can be downloaded from the IHO website at www.iho.int > Home > Letters & Documents > Basic Documents
(direct link: http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/misc_docs/basic_docs/NEW/New_EN/Convention_new_EN.pdf)