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Subject: New IHO Member State in MBSHC

References: A. IHO Circular Letter 18/2022 dated 17 May 2022
B. MBSHC Statutes, 9th Edition, April 2022

IHO Circular Letter 18/2022 reported that the Government of the Republic of Albania deposited its Instrument of Accession to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization on May 3, 2022 and thus became the 98th Member State of the International Hydrographic Organization.

On May 2, 2023, the representative of the Republic of Albania, at the opening ceremony of the 3rd Session of the Assembly of the IHO, presented its flag to the Secretary-General of the IHO in presence of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco.

On June 19, 2023, the Albanian Hydrographic Service submitted the signed Statutes of the MBSHC to the IHO Secretariat, thus becoming a Member of this Regional Hydrographic Commission in accordance with the MBSHC Statutes (Reference B, Art. 2.a).

The MBSHC is delighted to welcome the Republic of Albania, and we are sure that all the other Members join us to do so. We would also like to assure the new member that the MBSHC, as well as the other RHCs, are ready to jointly assist all the IHO Member States in the Mediterranean and Black Seas in dealing with their hydrographic challenges. The agenda for the forthcoming Conference will include an item formally welcoming the Republic of Albania into the MBSHC.

We look forward to working with the Albanian Hydrographic Service in their full capacity.

Best regards,



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