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## **REINSTATEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

Reference: *IHO Publication M-1 – Basic Documents of the IHO*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. I am very pleased to report that the Democratic Republic of Congo, whose rights and benefits were suspended on 01 July 1983 in accordance with the provisions of Article XV of the IHO Convention (see Reference), settled its outstanding contributions. With effect from 16 September 2021 all the rights and benefits of the Democratic Republic of Congo as a Member State of the IHO are reinstated.
2. On behalf of the Secretariat, I welcome the return of the Democratic Republic of Congo to the Organization as a full Member and hope that the Democratic Republic of Congo will participate actively in the work of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups of the Organization.
3. The participation of the Democratic Republic of Congo as a Member State in the activities of the Eastern Atlantic Hydrographic Commission (EAthC) will also contribute significantly to address issues affecting safety at sea and protection of the marine environment.

On behalf of the Secretary-General  
Yours sincerely,



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