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## **REINSTATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

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A) IHO Publication M-1 (Basic documents of the IHO)

Dear Hydrographer,

I am very pleased to report that the Republic of Vanuatu, whose rights and benefits were suspended on 01 January 2020 in accordance with Article XV of the IHO Convention and as implemented in accordance with Article 16 of the Financial Regulations (see Reference A), have settled their outstanding contributions.

With effect 10 November 2022 all the rights and benefits of the Republic of Vanuatu as a Member State of the IHO are reinstated.

On behalf of the Secretariat, I welcome the return of the Republic of Vanuatu to the Organization as a full Member and hope that the Republic of Vanuatu will participate actively in the work of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups of the Organization. The participation of the Republic of Vanuatu as a Member State in the activities of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SWPHC) 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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