



INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



MACHC Letter 16 / 2009
17 March 2009

To: MACHC Full Member States
Subject: **Haiti application as IHO Member**
Reference: IHB Circular Letter 50 / 2008.

Dear Hydrographer,

1. On June 10th, 2008, by the referenced Circular Letter, the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) announced the application of Haiti as an International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) Member State. Until today Haiti did not received the total required votes from IHO Member States.
2. Last week, Monaco Government informed IHB that Haiti has reached 36 supporting votes to become IHO Member State. Fifty two (52) are required. The curiosity is that eight governments from MACHC region have not replied to Monaco Government expressing support to Haiti.
3. Considering the importance for MACHC and for Haiti hydrographic development to become an IHO Member State, I would like to kindly request you to consider the application of Haiti and provide a communication to Monaco Government as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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