

TRADUCTION DE COURTOISIE

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the diplomatic missions accredited by the French Government and has the honour to refer to the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, the text of which was adopted through the Final Act of the Kuala Lumpur Conference on 28 February 2020, and of which France is a depositary State.

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs thanks the States which participated in the negotiation process for making the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation an international organization which took place from 2017 to 2020 and ended in Kuala Lumpur. It particularly commends the efforts of Morocco, Turkey and Malaysia which hosted diplomatic conferences resulting in the adoption of the Convention on the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation.

*This Convention has been **open for signature to all the United Nations Member States in Paris since 27 January 2021 for a period of one year that will end on 26 January 2022**. The creation of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation will be effective ninety days from the date the thirtieth ratification, acceptance, approval or accession instrument is deposited. To date, it has been signed by France, the Netherlands, Singapore, Malaysia, Norway and South Korea. Singapore is the first State to have ratified it.*

The creation of this international organization will be a significant step forward in the governance of oceans. Therefore, it is in our common interest to seek the entry into force of the Convention on its creation at the earliest opportunity.

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs invites the diplomatic missions accredited in France to contact the Protocol of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs – Ceremonial Department – in Paris to organize the signature of their Government and begin the ratification process.

The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs avails itself this to renew to the diplomatic missions accredited by the French Government the assurances of its high consideration.

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