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From: Rear Admiral Carlos Ventura Soares
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To: IHO Secretary-General, IHO Directors, Council Chair and IRCC Chair

Subject: EAtHC Chair Handover

Dear Secretary-General Dr. Mathias JONAS,

Dear IHO Directors Mr. Abri KAMPFER and Mr. Luigi SINAPI,

Dear IHO Council Chair Ms. Geneviève BÉCHARD,

Dear IRCC Chair Mr. Thomas DEHLING

I hope this letter finds you, your families and your teams, safe and well at this very stressful time.

Recently I got promoted and assigned to a new post in the Portuguese Navy where I will find new challenges and responsibilities. Thus, as of January 28, I will cease to be the Director-General of the Hydrographic Institute (IHPT), handing over command to Rear Admiral Mário José Simões Marques.

It has been a pleasure to work with you in several periods of my career, especially in the last three and a half years as IHO Portugal's representative and more specifically, since September 2020, as chair of the EAtHC, which I consider a privilege and in particular because we managed to organize the EAtHC16 in the complex circumstances of the COVID 19 pandemia.

RADM Mário Marques takes over, from January 28, the EAtHC Chair role and the EAtHC Council representative seat. I'm sure that Portugal, through IHPT, will continue to honor its commitments and make every possible effort in the interest of safe navigation and the protection of the marine environment.

I have really appreciated being part of the IHO community and working with you. I would like to thank you all for your support and contribution to the hydrographic developments that we have achieved.

Good luck for all the challenges that lie ahead, certain that the IHO will continue to cooperate with its members so that these cooperative efforts minimize differences and allow the necessary transitions to be made in a way that is more inclusive to all members.

I look forward to catching up with you all in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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