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To: Members, Associate Members and Observers of the IHO EAtHC

Subject: Chair Handover

Dear EAtHC Colleagues,

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.

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.

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.

I have really appreciated being part of the EAtHC community and working with you. I would like to thank you all, members, associate members, observers and our industry partners, for your support and contribution to the hydrographic developments that we have achieved. For all the support and contributions, I especially thank the EAtHC IHO representatives Director Abri Kampfer and Assistant Director Yves Guillam, and the EAtHC Vice-Chair RAdm Laurent Karleguer.

I hope that the foundations we have laid in these last years will be fruitful in cooperative actions and in the hydrographic development of the region. Good luck for all the challenges that lie ahead

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

Yours sincerely,

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