



MACHC-Letter 03/2021

February 26, 2021

To: Vice Admiral Edgar Luiz Siqueira Barbosa
Hydrographer of Brazil, DHN

Subject: Transition of MACHC Chair

Dear Vice Admiral Edgar,

My term as Chair of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) has come to a close and it is time to pass the baton to my successor. At the 21st MACHC Conference, by Decision 21.10.1.1, Brazil was confirmed as the next Chair, and by Decision 21.10.1.2, the UK was approved as the new Vice Chair of the MACHC.

Thus, according to Article 5 of the MACHC Statutes, I hereby officially hand over the position of MACHC Chair to Brazil, effective on March 1, 2021.

I want to thank Brazil, in its previous role as MACHC Vice Chair for the tremendous support and assistance during my tenure which certainly led to many noteworthy accomplishments for our Commission. It is a longstanding partnership I hold in high esteem.

It was a great honor and privilege to serve the MACHC region as Chair during these past two years and I am convinced that the MACHC will grow further under your capable leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathryn L. Ries'.

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