



MACHC-Letter 04/2021

February 26, 2021

To: Dr. Mathias Jonas
Secretary General, International Hydrographic Organization

Subject: Transition of MACHC Chair

Dear Dr. Jonas,

On behalf of the United States, I hereby thank the IHO Secretariat for the support rendered by you and your staff and for the confidence bestowed upon me as Chair of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) over the past two years.

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 incoming Vice Chair of the MACHC. Thus, in accordance with Article 5 of the MACHC Statutes, I hereby inform the IHO Secretariat that the Chair of the MACHC is officially transitioned to Vice Admiral Edgar Luiz Siqueira Barbosa effective March 1, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

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