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MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA  
HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**



MACHC-Letter 16/2021

December 03, 2021

To: Vice Admiral Renato Garcia Arruda  
Hydrographer of Brazil, DHN

**Subject: Succession of MACHC Chairmanship**

Dear Admiral Arruda,

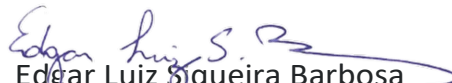
My mandate as Chair of the Mesoamerican and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) has come to an abrupt end, once I was appointed to be the Command of the Brazilian Forth Naval District, in Belem City, recently included in the MACHC Area.

As such, I officially hand over today the seat of MACHC Chair to Vice-Admiral Renato Garcia **Arruda**, the new Brazilian National Hydrographer, in accordance with Article 5 of the MACHC Statutes.

I would like to thank all MACHC members for the continuous support, partnership, and assistance throughout my mandate as MACHC Chair, and appreciate the friendship of Rear Admiral Rhett Hatcher in his duty as MACHC Vice Chair. We formed a great team working together!

Working in the MACHC region as Chairman was a privilege and an honor, and I have no doubt that MACHC will continue to grow.

Sincerely,

  
Edgar Luiz Siqueira Barbosa  
Vice Admiral

Director of Hydrography and Navigation, Brazil  
Chair, Meso American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

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Mr. Leonel Manteigas (Assistant Director IHO).