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MACHC Letter 8/2022

To: MACHC Members
Observer States
IHO Secretariat
Contributing Organizations
Industry Partners

Subject: **23rd Conference of the MACHC**

References: Statutes of the MACHC
Minutes of MACHC22 Conference
MACHC22 List of Decisions
MACHC Letter 6/2022

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

I would like to apologize for the delay in providing an update on the arrangements for the proposed next Conference as outlined in MACHC Letter 6/2022. That said, we have not been idle and I am pleased to announce that the United States have offered to host the next Conference in 2022 and have just confirmed the outline details.

As we have not received any another offers, recognizing the importance of meeting in person for the progress of the work of our Commission and its subordinate bodies, even more after 3 years away due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Vice-Chair and I felt that the best way for the Commission would be to immediately thank the United States and accept their generous offer. I hope you will support us in this decision and help us organize the next Conference of the MACHC.

Noting the above, it is my pleasure to officially invite you to the 23rd Conference of the Meso American - Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC23), preceded by the Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography and the CBC/MICC/MMSDIWG/Seabed2030 pre-plenary meetings, from November 28 to December 2, 2022 in Saint Louis, Missouri, United States. The official opening of the Conference will begin after lunch on Tuesday, November 29, and end by noon on Friday, December 2. The venue will be within the [National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Moonshot Labs](#) facility.

If you require a personalized invitation for Visa application process and your internal national administrative purposes, please let Dr. John Nyberg (john.nyberg@noaa.gov) and Ms. Alexis Maxwell (alexis.maxwell@noaa.gov) know immediately.

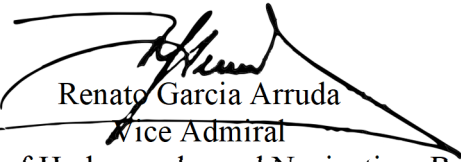
We will start right away the preparation of the MACHC23 Conference. With the above in mind and noting the Statutes of the MACHC, to adjust the Agenda for the next Conference to the most relevant topics, we would like to receive your opinion on the format adopted at [MACHC20](#) and suggestions for improvement (see the Appendix to the [Minutes of MACHC20](#)). If you do, please send your comments to me at machc.chair@marinha.mil.br with

a copy to Mr. Rodrigo Obino (obino@marinha.mil.br), **by no later than September 15, 2022**, so that we can take your views into account as we plan for the Conference.

I expect to issue a new MACHC Letter by the end of September conveying registration, accomodation and related logistics information and the Provisional Agenda.

I look forward to your responses. In the meantime, please be safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,


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