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Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

On behalf of the United Kingdom, it is my distinct pleasure to take over as Chair of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC); which was agreed at the 23rd Conference of the MACHC in early December last year. I am also delighted to welcome Bernice Mahabier, from Maritime Autoriteit Suriname, as the new MACHC Vice Chair. We both look forward to supporting you in our respective roles.

I must also take this opportunity to express, once more, my sincere gratitude to the previous MACHC Chair, Vice Admiral Arruda and his entire support team from Brazil (DHN). His leadership, and the support offered by the highly efficient DHN staff really enhanced our Commission's activities and engagement at a difficult time for the entire world.

Please do feel free to contact me at machc.chair@ukho.gov.uk if you have any issues or points that you would like to raise; please also copy in Bernice at bmahabier@mas.sr. I have also appointed Nicky Willoughby from the UKHO as the MACHC Secretary, who can be reached at monique.willoughby@ukho.gov.uk for issues of an administrative nature.

For those that will be at the IHO Assembly in May, I look forward to seeing you in Monaco. For those that do not participate at this event, I look forward to seeing you at the 24th Conference which is being generously hosted by Suriname 11-15 December. I will, of course, be in contact with you before then to seek your ideas, thoughts, and support on issues as they arise.

Yours Sincerely,

Rear Admiral Rhett Hatcher

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