

March 2, 2023.

MACHC Letter 3/2023

To: Rear Admiral Rhett Hatcher, UK National Hydrographer

Subject: **Transition of MACHC Chair**

References: Statutes of the MACHC  
Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of the MACHC

*Dear Esteemed Rear Admiral Rhett Hatcher,*

The time has come to hand over the helm to my successor.

At the 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of the Meso American - Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC), by the Decision 23.10.2, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was confirmed as the next MACHC Chair and Suriname was approved as incoming MACHC Vice Chair.

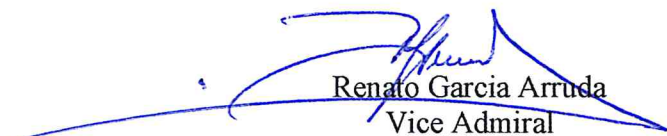
Therefore, according to Article 5 of the Statutes of the MACHC, I hereby officially hand over the position of MACHC Chair to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

I express my gratitude to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in your previous role as MACHC Vice Chair, for your invaluable support to me, Vice Admiral Edgar Barbosa and DHN staff, contributing greatly to the conduct of matters affecting MACHC.

It was a great honor and privilege to serve the MACHC Region as Chair and I am convinced that our Commission will continue to advance even further under your capable leadership.

“Fair Winds and Following Seas”

*Sincerely,*

  
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Director of Hydrography and Navigation, Brazil  
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