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**To:** Dr Mathias Jonas, IHO Secretary-General  
**Subject:** **TRANSITION OF MACHC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**  
**Reference:** MACHC Statutes

*Dear Mathias,*

At the 25<sup>th</sup> MACHC Conference, Suriname was confirmed as the next Chair and France as MACHC Vice Chair. In accordance with Article 5 of the MACHC Statutes, I hereby inform the IHO Secretariat that the Chair of the MACHC will transition to Mrs Bernice Mahabier on 31 March 2025. At the same time, RAdm Laurent Kerléguer will take up the mantle as the Vice Chair.

On behalf of the United Kingdom, I hereby thank the IHO Secretariat for their support rendered during my two years as Chair of the MACHC. It has been a great privilege, and I am convinced that this key RHC will flourish under the very capable leadership of my successor from Suriname.

*Yours Sincerely,*

Rear Admiral Angus Essenhigh OBE

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Rear Admiral Luigi Sinapi, IHO Director