

Meso-American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

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To: MACHC Member states

Subject: **Voting Procedure for the Selection of MACHC Representatives to the IHO Council**

Dear MACHC Colleagues,

Following MACHC Circular Letter 10/2025 and the close of the nomination period on 10 December 2025, the Chair received three (3) declarations of interest from MACHC Member States wishing to serve as representatives on the IHO Council.

In accordance with MACHC Statutes Article 3(c)7 and Annex 4, the number of seats allocated to the MACHC on the IHO Council is two (2). As the number of candidates exceeds the number of available seats, a voting procedure is required.

The following MACHC Member States have formally indicated their interest:

- Brazil
- Suriname
- Venezuela

Attached to this Circular Letter is the official voting paper, in accordance with Appendix 2 to Annex 4 of the MACHC Statutes. Member States may cast up to two (2) votes, corresponding to the number of seats allocated to the MACHC.

Completed and signed voting papers must be returned to the MACHC Secretariat at machc.secretariat@mas.sr, copied to the Chair at bmahabier@mas.sr, and IHO Secretariat leonel.manteigas@iho.int.

Deadline for submission: **5 January 2026**.

The Chair will compile the votes and announce the results via Circular Letter.

Thank you for your participation in this important process and for your continued support to MACHC.

With highest consideration and respect,



Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Bernice Mahabier', is shown on a white background.

Ms. Bernice Mahabier
Chair Meso-American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

Annexes:

Annex MACHC VOTING PAPER (as per Appendix 2 to Annex 4)