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To: Rear Admiral Sisira Jayakody - incoming Chair of the IHO North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC)

Subject: **Handing over of Chair, NIOHC**

*Rear Admiral Sisira*

Following the guidance provided in the NIOHC Statutes, the time has now come for me to hand over the reins of NIOHC Chair to you. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you over the last year.

It has been a great honour to serve the NIOHC region as Chair, in progressing the goals of the hydrographic commission with the support of Rear Admiral Sisira Jayakody, Vice Chair, and I would like to provide a summary of the achievements.

- NIOHC18 input to the IHO Annual Report 2018
- Successful and extremely well attended 19<sup>th</sup> NIOHC Conference in Oman.
- IALA, IHO, and IMO - "Delivering as one" achieved at the Hydrographic Awareness Seminar, preceding NIOHC19.
- MSDI ambassador (UK) assigned to NIOHC.
- Statutes Working Group (established during 19<sup>th</sup> NIOHC).
- IRCC10 action - review of IHO Resolution 2/1997.
- Review of IHO Resolution 1/2005.
- Review of IRCC11 paper - Roadmap for the provision of S-100 services.

I also provide the NIOHC19 List of Actions which I have updated with my comments at Annex A.

I would like to thank you for your support as the Vice Chair, and extend my gratitude to Captain Juma Al Busaidi, ONHO and his team for the fantastic support at NIOHC19, and to all the Member States and the various organisations and industry for their active participation.

I wish you every success as the new NIOHC Chair.

*Ys Ave*