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**To:** Members, Associate Members, and Observers of the IHO Southern African and Islands Hydrographic Commission (SAIHC)

**Subject:** **Cyclone Batsirai and Tropical Storm Ana**

Dear SAIHC Colleagues,

I am writing this short, but no less sincere, letter to you in my capacity as SAIHC Chair, following the terrible news and devastation inflicted by Cyclone Batsirai and Tropical Storm Ana. Clearly this has had an overwhelming, wide-ranging, far-reaching effect in the region.

We send our very best wishes and hope that you and your families are safe at this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you consider there is anyway the SAIHC can facilitate in these challenging times.

On behalf of Capt. Theo Stokes, South Africa (in its NAVAREA Coordinator capacity, and fellow member of SAIHC) will assist in any way possible, and we join our fellow member states in condolences for the lives lost and uprooted. We are at their service in this time of crisis.

Yours sincerely

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