



MACHC Letter 12/2017

Date, 16-03-2017

To: Mr. R. Ward  
Secretary General International Hydrographic Organisation

**Subject: Handing over of MACHC Chairship**

Dear Sir, *Dear Robert*

On behalf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands I hereby thank the IHO-secretariat for the support and for the confidence bestowed upon me as chair of the Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) for the past two years.

At the 17<sup>th</sup> MACHC meeting 14-17 December 2016, in Belém Brazil, Mexico and the United States were elected respectively as incoming chair and vice chair of the MACHC.

In accordance with Article 5 of the MACHC Statutes, I hereby inform the IHO-secretariat the chairmanship is officially handed over to RADM Fernando Alfonso Rodriquez Angli from Mexico on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

It was a great honour to serve the MACHC region as chairman during these past two years and I am convinced that the MACHC will grow further under the capable leadership of my successor from Mexico.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

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