## BRAZILIAN NAVY DIRECTORATE OF HYDROGRAPHY AND NAVIGATION APRIL 2016

On behalf of DHN staff, I would like to express one more time our great pleasure to host the 1<sup>st</sup> Tides, Water Level and Currents Working Group. We Know that most of you made a long journey to be here to work hard during this week.

In this opportunity, I would like to stress that our centenary institution, DHN, carry out their activities at the highest technical level, always applying what preconize the IHO. I would also highlight the efforts of the DHN to participate in other activities of IHO, such as the WENDWG, SWAtHC, MACHC, IBSC, HCA and many others Working Groups and Sub-Committees. Besides, DHN graduates about 50 Hydrographers per year in categories A and B with the IHO acknowledgment.

The second regional office from IC-ENC is being established in Brazil, here, at the BHMN, and will be responsible for validating data from the Latin America members.

Finally, as you know, Brazil is one of the countries members founder of the IHO. During sixties and eighties two Brazilian's admirals were directors of BHI. For the BHI elections that will occur in 2017 Brazil intends to indicate the application of Admiral Palmer, who was the Director of Hydrography and Navigation from 2009 to 2012 and therefore has great skill in hidrography and surveys. The DHN is always ready to cooperate with the IHO missions.

Thank you.