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Monsieur l'Ingénieur général de l'armement  
Directeur général du Service hydrographique et océanographique de la marine  
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Dear VADM Bessero,

In response to your request for nominations for IRCC Chair, the United States is pleased to present a candidate for consideration. The United States first wishes to acknowledge and recognize the contributions and superior leadership provided by you and Capt. Abri Kampfer (South Africa) as the previous IRCC chair and vice chair, respectively.

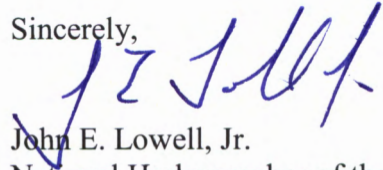
As we look toward the upcoming election process, the United States nominates the Dominion Hydrographer of Canada, Dr. Savithri (Savi) Narayanan for the position of the IRCC Chair. As Director General and Dominion Hydrographer of the Canadian Hydrographic Service, Dr. Narayanan is the national representative of Canada to the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). As a Member State of IHO, Canada, under Dr. Narayanan's leadership, has demonstrated its deep commitment to advancing international hydrography through its strong and continued active participation in all critical aspects of the work of the IHO, especially those associated with Work Programme 3.

Personally, I have worked closely with Dr. Narayanan over many years and have observed her gifted leadership style and management skills at the Regional Hydrographic Commission level, including the United-States Canada Hydrographic Commission and the Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission. Her prior experience through active participation in past International Hydrographic Conferences (IHC) and IHO Committees, including Vice-Chair of the XVIIth IHC, further underscore the skills and experience she would bring to the IRCC. In addition, her recent service as Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission offer valuable linkages to other leading intergovernmental organizations charged with advancing the field of oceanography.



Please share this nomination with our IRCC Member State colleagues. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [John.Lowell@noaa.gov](mailto:John.Lowell@noaa.gov). After June 1, please contact Kathryn Ries ([Kathryn.Ries@noaa.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Ries@noaa.gov)) should you have need for further information from the U.S. on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Lowell, Jr.", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

John E. Lowell, Jr.

National Hydrographer of the United States

cc: CAPT Hugo Gorziglia  
Dr. Savithri (Savi) Narayanan  
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