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Mr. Denis Hains, Chairman
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Dear ~~Mr. Hains~~:

This letter is offered in light of Conference Circular Letter 1 "XIXth International Hydrographic Conference/1st Session of the IHO Assembly" (April 21, 2016).

To facilitate planning and considerations in the event the Protocols of Amendments for the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) come into force before January 23, 2017, and in consideration of the 5th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference Decision 6 PRO 3, the United States of America declares its affiliation with the **Arctic Regional Hydrographic Commission** (ARHC). If the Protocols of Amendments do not come into force by January 23, 2017 and the 1st Session of the IHO Assembly does not occur in April 2017, the U.S. withdraws this notice and reserves its declaration of affiliation to the next appropriate time.

Please direct any inquiries to me until August 26, 2016 and thereafter to Rear Admiral (select) Shepard M. Smith (Shep.Smith@noaa.gov), who will succeed me as of that date as Director, NOAA, Office of Coast Survey.

Sincerely,

Gerd F. Glang
Rear Admiral, NOAA
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Rear Admiral Timothy Gallaudet, U.S. Navy (USA)
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