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To: Maritime and Navigation Service of Haiti (SEMANAH)
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SEMANAH Director General

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Subject: Establishment of the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of Haiti (SHOH)

Reference: MACHC Letter 11/2010.

Dear Mrs. Yvrose Jean,

1. Through the referred MACHC Letter, MACHC Chair announced a special topic to be discussed during the next MACHC meeting, from NOV 8th to 12th in Paramaribo, Suriname, called "Haiti Donors Meeting". This letter intends to address SEMANAH on the necessary actions to make the effort effective.

2. Previous experience indicate that initiatives including institutions other than the Hydrographic Services (which is this case), will fail without a specific project. It is very important that SEMANAH prepares a project through its Ministry of Public Works and Communications to raise the importance of hydrography, including demonstration of economical and operational impact. This project needs to be brought up to the attention of the International Mission for Reconstruction of Haiti. The more this project can be co-ordinated and eventually supported by additional funds (such as IHO CB Funds and international donors agencies), the more likely it can be selected by the International Mission. It may include provision of equipment, training, and sustainable per diem for workers, as well as currency transfer, but it is critical what is usually called "eligibility", without such it will be very difficult to get support at all.

In order to support SEMANAH to elaborate the SHOH Project, the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) and MACHC Chair are ready to make the relevant contacts and link them to the SEMANAH nominated person as main Point of Contact.

3. Finally, considering the above, I ask you:

- to nominate a Person of Contact (PoC) for the subject; and
- to indicate a representative of the International Mission for Haiti Reconstruction (name, address, and e-mail of contact) to be invited to attend the meeting in Paramaribo, Suriname.

As soon as we get the response, earlier there will be possible to take the appropriate action to make possible any decisions at the Haiti Donors Meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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