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MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



MACHC Letter 27 / 2010
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To: MACHC Member States and Observers

Subject: **Change of MACHC Chair**

References: a) MACHC Statutes Article 5
b) MACHC Resolutions/Action List 11-11

Dear Hydrographer,

1. First of all I would like to wish MACHC Member States, Observers and Collaborators plenty of prosperity in 2011. May your challenges be overcome.

2. At the last MACHC meeting (Paramaribo, Suriname, 10th-11th November 2010) the Commission agreed on to elect United Kingdom (UK) and Suriname Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the biennium 2011-2012.

Article 5 of MACHC Statutes establishes that the mandate of the elected Chair and Vice-Chair shall begin three months from the day of the election. However, as informally discussed during the mentioned meeting, we agreed that for the Commission performance, the new Chair should take over the post as soon as the Minutes of the meeting should be finalized.

So, in order to fulfil the requirements of the Statutes, and in the benefit of MACHC proficiency, as of January 1st 2011, UK and Suriname will take over their posts.

In this opportunity I would like to formally thank MACHC Member States and Observers, particularly the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB), for the immeasurable support given to me during the last two years leading the Commission, and formulate the new leaders "fair winds and following seas".

Yours sincerely,

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