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MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



MACHC Letter 21 / 2009
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To: Captain Ana Rosensil Suárez Pacheco
Director of Hydrography and Navigation of Venezuela

Subject: **DHN – Venezuela correspondences**

References: Venezuela correspondences No 88 to 93 / 2009.

Dear Captain Suárez Pacheco,

1. First of all I'm very glad to hear from you regarding MACHC issues and, most of all, the *Dirección de Hidrografía y Navegación de la Republica Bolivariana de Venezuela* (DHN-VE) efforts in collaborating with the improvement of the safety of navigation in the Region. This letter is intended to share with you my thoughts and provide you with a follow-up on the subjects you presented through the referred correspondence.

2. **Letter nb 88 / 2009** – I took note of your data update regarding the International Chart and I would like to thank you very much for so valuable information which will enable the INT Chart Committee to improve its planning.

Letter nb 89 / 2009 – I'm glad to know that the INT Chart 4023, and its correspondent ENC, are ready to be distributed. I hope that the document expected to be provided by the *Centro de Investigaciones Oceanograficas e Hidrográficas de Colombia* will be received soonest. My intention is to address the subject to both Chairpersons, the INT Chart and the ENC MACHC Committees, in order to monitor this subject and include it in the MACHC List of Action.

Letter nb 90 / 2009 – I'm happy to receive the confirmation of the acceptance of a coproduction of the INT Chart 4022 with the French *Service Hydrographique et Océanographic de la Marine* (SHOM) and I am glad that we will manage to work out all the outstanding issues.

Regarding your request to ask SHOM to withdraw the corresponding ENC cell from the RENC, it is beyond the mandate established by MACHC Statutes for its Chair. However it is within his competence to act in order to coordinate the improvement of the safety of the navigation in the Region. Looking from this point of view, I think that at the 4th Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference (EIHC) we will have one more opportunity to go one step further on the subject and, therefore, I propose that we, including SHOM representative, may have a collateral talk during this important event.

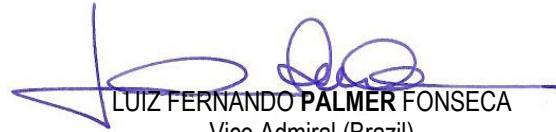
Letter nb 91 / 2009 – I congratulate you on the initiative to produce one more INT Chart on the recently extended MACHC Region. My intention is to address the subject to the INT Chart Committee, including it as an agenda item at the 10th MACHC meeting, directing it to consider the existing charts, the Hydrographic Services with existing responsibilities in the area, and the lack of cartographic representation.

Letter nb 92 / 2009 – I appreciate the offer made by the DHN-VE to Venezuela national medium scale charts as INT Charts and my intention is to address the subject to the INT Chart Committee to discuss it, proposing the appropriate action, as an item at the 10th MACHC Meeting.

Letter nb 93 / 2009 – I'm glad to know that the INT chart 4023 as well as the INT Chart 4018 had their problems solved. My intention is to address the subject to both Chairpersons, INT Chart and ENC MACHC Committee, in order to monitor this subject and include it in MACHC List of Action.

3. One more time, I would like to express my gladness for you positive actions to improve the safety of navigation within MACHC Region and let you know that I cannot wait for the opportunity to meet you personally at the 4th EIHC, believing that this is going to be an opportunity that the IHO will be giving us to strengthen cooperation to achieve common targets.

Yours sincerely,



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