



INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION



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To:
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Subject: **Invitation to the 10th MACHC Meeting**

Dear Mr. Mitton,

1. First of all, let me introduce myself and the Organization I represent. I'm Vice Admiral PALMER, Director of Hydrography and Navigation of the Brazilian Navy, and the current Chair of the Meso American and Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC).

MACHC is an organism which works with the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) with the main purposes of coordinating the safety of navigation within the region of its responsibility and promoting hydrographic development, which means the production and dissemination of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) in general, and hydrographic surveys and maritime cartography in particular. Details on MACHC activities may be found at the web site <www.iho-machc.org>.

2. MACHC will have its 10th Meeting next November, from the 3rd to the 6th, in Bridgetown, Barbados. We will be very glad if you, or SHOH, may be present and participate with a brief presentation on the SHOH activities. The majority of Hydrographic Offices which work within the Region and IHB representatives will be present at this meeting. I'm sure this will be a very good opportunity for the SHOH and the IHO community to get better acquainted with one another and begin a partnership with a great potential to make a highlighted difference in the Caribbean Region.

Attached to the e-mail which bears this letter, follows the Agenda of the Meeting, the corresponding timetable, Registration Form, and logistic information.

I would like to take this opportunity to send you some basic logistic information.

Hotel Address:

Accra Hotel & Spa
P.O. BOX 73 W Rockley, Christ Church,
West Indies, Barbados
EMAIL: <reservations@accrabeachhotel.com>
PHONE: (1 246) 435-8920
FAX: (1 246) 435-7445/ 6794

Blue Horizon Hotel
Rockley, Christ Church, BB15137, Barbados
EMAIL: <reservations@gemsbarbados.com>

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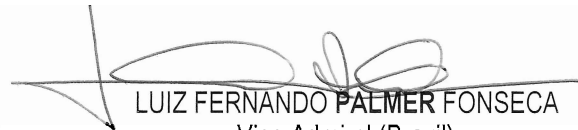
Reservations:

- make your hotel reservations as soon as possible and e-mail a copy of the hotel reservation to June Thompson <June.Thompson@UKHO.gov.uk>, and Cheryl-Anne Applewhite <cheryl@premierevents.com.bb>; Each participant is responsible for his/hers own hotel reservation. It would be advisable to book the hotel in advance.

- Fill in your Registration Form and e-mail it to <int.rel@dhn.mar.mil.br>, with a copy to June Thompson <June.Thompson@UKHO.gov.uk> no later than September 30th 2009.

3. Finally I would like to renew my congratulations on the initiative of the cooperation between the HOHS and the IHO and offer myself, my staff, and MACHC, to help with any subject that we may be of use.

Yours sincerely,



LUIZ FERNANDO PALMER FONSECA
Vice Admiral (Brazil)

Brazilian Director of Hydrography and Navigation - MACHC Chair

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