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Dear Hydrographers and IHO Stakeholders,

The new IHO Directing Committee has taken up office today. We would like to pay tribute to our predecessor Directors for their work and in particular for the comprehensive handover that they have provided to us.

We would also like to thank all those that have expressed their confidence in us by electing us to our positions and we wish to acknowledge the many kind words of encouragement that we have received. For our part, we will do our best to serve the interests of the Member States of the IHO, mariners and all those that have an interest and a dependence on hydrography and hydrographic information.

We invite all Member States, Observer Organisations and Stakeholders to participate actively in the work of the IHO and to communicate with us at any time, both formally and informally, so that we understand your views, your needs and your opinions. This will enable us to better progress the work programme of the IHO and also to raise the profile and status of hydrography at all levels of society.

Yours sincerely,

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