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Objet : Circular Letter IGO 2025/13 - Proposal of a Vice Chair for the VTS Committee

Dear Secretary-General,

I, Rear Admiral Hernán J. Montero, express my gratitude to second the nomination of Ms. Lorena Andrea García for the position of Vice Chair for the Traffic Services Committee, as informed in Circular Letter IGO 2025/13.

Subprefecto Ms. García has a long-standing professional career that turns her into a suitable candidate for such a position. She is well-known for her contribution to the Traffic Service Committee, fostering the uninterrupted participation of the Argentine Republic.

Furthermore, the nominee has participated in different projects, such as training and language courses for operators and supervisors, the impairment of IALA Model Courses, as well as the drafting of guidelines on VTS centre management.

For the before-stated reasons, I nominate Subprefecto Ms. García as a candidate for the vacant position.

Find attached the relevant CV in English and Spanish.

Your sincerely,



Hernán Jorge Montero

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Professional Corps Officer, English Translator and Interpreter, with over 10 years of experience in the field of Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) in Prefectura Naval Argentina. Head of the Academic Division of the Telecommunications and VTS Comprehensive Training and Professional Development Center (CITS), leading programs aligned with IALA standards and recommendations. Member of the Training and Human Factor Working Group of the IALA VTS Committee (2020-present) and participant in the IMO NCSR Subcommittee (2019-2024). LT. García has participated in various international forums on navigation, communications, Search and Rescue (SAR), training, operational protocols, and technologies for the control and surveillance of maritime spaces. IMO Auditor and VTS Instructor (Centro Jovellanos, Spain).



PARTICIPATION IN INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS



TRAINING AND EDUCATION

2024 – Up to date – Head of the Academic Division of the Telecommunications and VTS Comprehensive Training and Professional Development Center (CITS). *Coordination and implementation of VTS and Telecommunications training courses for PNA Personnel, in line with international standards and IALA model courses. Coordination of the Center's staff participation in the work of the IALA VTS Committee.*

- **2025** – *Coordination of the accreditation process for the CITS VTS training courses according to IALA guidelines (G1014).*
- **2024** – *Coordinator for the establishment of the Telecommunications and VTS Comprehensive Training and Professional Development Center (CITS). (Regulation DISFC-2024-1172-APN-PNA#MSG).*
- **2023– 2024** – *Update of the VTS Supervisor and Operator training courses based on IALA model courses. Incorporating international recommendations and guidelines with a strong focus on human factor management.*
- **2022 – 2024** *Development of English – VTS courses. Design and creation of English courses tailored to the needs of VTS Center Personnel. Developing customized curricula, focused on building communication skills.*
- **2021** – *Coordination and structuring of the program for the Maritime Domain Awareness and Vessel of Interest Targeting Analyst Course.*
- **2016– 2020** – *Collaborator on the project to update the academic path for VTS operators and supervisors, including the Local Procedures Familiarization Course.*

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

2015 – 2025 As a translator and interpreter for the Vessel Traffic Directorate, facilitated and coordinated the participation of PNA personnel in various international forums, leading, in particular, the continuous representation at the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation, and the dissemination of institutional work at various international events (such as the International Maritime Organization, Interpol, The Nippon Foundation, among others).

- **2020 – Up to date** Continuous participation in the IALA VTS Committee (Working Group on Training and Human Factor).
- **2019** – Translation of the IALA Vessel Traffic Services Manual 2016 edition, recognized by the IALA Secretary for facilitating the dissemination of IALA's work in Spanish. Participation in the IALA Spanish Translation Group.
- **2023** – Speaker - IALA WWA/Hidrovia ATO First Latin American Seminar on Aids to Navigation
- **2023** – Participation in the International Maritime Organization IMSAS Audit (training and certification of VTS personnel).
- **2022** – Coordinator and interpreter for the "Maritime Domain Awareness Analysis Techniques" course (organized by Tradebytes under the sponsorship of UNDP).
- **2019 – 2024** IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR Sub-Committee).
- **2024** – Participation in the 132nd session of the IMO Council...
- **2019 – 2023** - Participation in the Joint IMO-ITU Experts Group.
- **2022** – Seminar on IMO Resolution A.1158(32) Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services, organized by IALA.
- **2021** – "Workshop on Nuclear Security Detection and Response in Maritime Areas" organized by the Nuclear Security Division of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- **2015** – Regional Seminar for decision-makers on the ratification and implementation of the cooperation protocol – SNPP organized by ROCRAM..



COURSES AND RELEVANT EVENTS



- **2024** – VTS Instructor Course (C103-4), Jovellanos Center, Gijón, Spain
- **2024** – VTS Supervisor Training Course, Prefectura Naval Argentina.
- **2018** – IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) training course.
- **2016** – Instructor Training Course (IMO Model Course 6.09).
- **2025** – Interpretation for the Interactive Workshop of the Pilot Project "GLONOISE" on underwater noise mitigation (PNA-IMO). (PNA-IMO).
- **2024** – Interpretation. Official Visit of the United States Coast Guard Cutter USCGC James.
- **2023** – Interpretation - Joint Training Exercise of the Transregional Intelligence Groups, Project SEACOP.
- **2021– 2025** Remote interpretation for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd editions of the CGGS Summit Program (organized by The Nippon Foundation and the Japan Coast Guard).
- **2021** – Remote interpretation - Workshop for the UMM/MOF/KMI CAPFISH project (organized by the IMO WMU).
- **2019** – Interpretation - INTERPOL VDR on boarding and inspection of uncooperative vessels: challenges and best practices – Presentation by the PNA expert.