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**New Commissioner for Dominican Republic**

We have been informed that Mr Francisco Dominguez Brito, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic, has been appointed as Commissioner for the Dominican Republic and replaces Mr Omar Shamir Reynoso.

Ms Ydalia Acevedo de Monegro, Vice-Minister of Marine and Coastal Resources and Ms Nina Lysenko, Director of Integrated Management within the Vice-Ministry of Marine and Coastal Resources have also been appointed as Alternate Commissioners.

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