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Dear Sir,

In regard to the draft of guidance document of the Crowd-Sourced Bathymetry, the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department, Japan Coast Guard has the honor to express its sincere respect to the efforts of the Secretariat and the working group members.

The technical aspects of the guidance document should be appreciated and the general concept of the Crowd Sourced Bathymetry should be strived in the future of the hydrographic services. However, as shown in the Chapter 5, the concept may contain certain uncertainties in regard to the already established legal framework. The text in the Chapter is therefore to be regarded as offered without prejudice to, or limitation on, any view or position that may be taken by the Member States. It would be better to clarify the disclaimer in the Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

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