

**STATEMENT OF UKRAINE
submitted to the 20th MBSHC Conference**

Reference: MBSHC20 Agenda Item 6.2.2 'National Reports'

Dear MBSHC Chair, Member States, Associate Members, Observers, IHO Secretariat Representatives and NAVAREA III Coordinator,

Hereby Ukraine must draw your attention to the Russian Federation's National Report that was not submitted in written form and within the established deadline to the 20th Conference of the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission, but instead was read by the RF delegation only on the first day of the meeting.

The RF National Report contains immense amount of false statements, statistics and fabrications forming the violation of international law, as well as Ukrainian legislation. In addition, the Report serves as incontestable acknowledgement of these violations.

UKRAINE,

taking into account the facts of reflection in the RF report of unlawful actions of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, including but not limited to:

- depiction of the occupied Crimean Peninsula in the schemes, tables and figures of the Report as a part of the Russian Federation's territory;
- hydrographic surveying and conducting of topographic and other works in the territory and water areas of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea of Ukraine that is temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation;
- increase of extension of the Russia's water area at the expense of territorial waters of Ukraine and the maritime (exclusive) economic zone of Ukraine around the Crimean Peninsula that is temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation;
- production and further inclusion into the list of electronic navigational charts of a number of ENCs for water areas of the occupied Ukrainian Crimea;
- inclusion into the list of Russian national paper charts of the charts covering water areas of the Crimean coast and naming of Ukrainian geographical objects as the Russian ones;
- deceitful attempt to expand the borders of the Russia's zone of responsibility for the purpose of transmitting of Maritime Safety Information, etc.,

recalling the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/68/262 'Territorial integrity of Ukraine' adopted on 27 March 2014, which, inter alia, 'affirms territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders and **calls upon all States, international organizations and specialized agencies not to recognize any alteration of the status of the**

Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol and to refrain from any action or dealing that might be interpreted as recognizing any such altered status'

also recalling the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/Res/71/205 'Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)' adopted on 19 December 2016, which, inter alia, '**condemns the temporary occupation of part of the territory of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (hereinafter "Crimea") – by the Russian Federation, and reaffirms the non-recognition of its annexation**',

urgently requests the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission of the International Hydrographic Organization to remove the Russian Federation's National Report, which was submitted to the 20th Conference of Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission, from the IHO web-site, and not to include the mentioned report and/or any references to it in the Minutes of the Conference.