

**STATEMENT OF UKRAINE
submitted to the 21st Conference of
the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission**

Reference: MBSHC21 Agenda Item 6.2.2 'National Reports'

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

Hereby Ukraine must draw your attention to the Russian Federation's National Report that was submitted to the 21st Conference of the Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission.

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.

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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;
- 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;
- attempt to expand by the Novorossiysk NAVTEX station of its service area over the west coast of the Crimean Peninsula in the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait, in spite of the fact that the specified sea areas belong to the service area of the Ukrainian Odesa NAVTEX station and Berdiansk NAVTEX station. Such unilateral actions of the Russian Federation violate the procedure outlined in the Revised NAVTEX Manual (MSC.1/Circ.1403/Rev.1, paragraph 4.2.9.2),

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’**,

also recalling the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/Res/73/263 ‘Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine’, which, inter alia, **‘calls upon all international organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, when referring to Crimea in their official documents, communications and publications, including with regard to statistical data of the Russian Federation, to refer to “the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation”, and encourages all States and other international organizations to do the same’**,

- urges 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 21st MBSHC Conference, from the IHO web-site, not to include the mentioned report and/or any references to it into the Minutes of the Conference and not to take it into consideration in the MBSHC work;
- requests the IHO Member States to bear in mind that the sea ports of Kerch, Sevastopol, Feodosiia, Yalta, Yevpatoriia are closed until the restoration of the constitutional order of Ukraine within the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol city that are temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation (in accordance with the Order of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine No 255 of June 16, 2014);
- raises a protest against the deceitful attempt of the Russian Federation to expand the service area of the Novorossiysk NAVTEX station over the areas belonging to the service areas of the Ukrainian Odesa NAVTEX and Berdiansk NAVTEX stations;
- remains concerned about unmanageable production of ENCs by the Russian Federation for waters of national jurisdiction of Ukraine in contradiction with provisions of the IHO Resolution 1/1997: Principles of the Worldwide Electronic Navigational Chart Database (WEND), giving rise to the growth of the ENCs overlapping occurrence in the Black and Azov Seas that could compromise safety of navigation in the region; and
- calls upon the Secretariat of the International Hydrographic Organization, when referring to Crimea in the IHO official documents, to refer to “the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine, temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation”.

Ukraine applies to the Commission with request to take note the Ukraine`s statement and to include it to the final report of MBSHC21.