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## **UKRAINE'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

### References:

- A. Letter from SHSU received 04 April 2024 - *Provision of Technical Assistance and Support to Ukraine as the IHO Member State.*
- B. IHO CL 16/2022 – *Ukraine's request for assistance.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU), a subordinate body of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine, functioning as the national hydrographic service and the national lighthouse authority, has informed the IHO Secretariat about the critical situation with the provision of their services for national coastal waters and inland waterways.
2. The Letter in Reference A (enclosed), indicates that SHSU would appreciate any possible financial and technical support to properly fulfill its functions, including educational and training opportunities for the SHSU staff, from the International Hydrographic Organization and its respected Member States.
3. The Annex to the Letter include the lists of urgent and priority needs of the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine for the fastest restoration of its normal functioning and performance of its key functions.
4. While the IHO Budget, being bound by Member States approval along the Annual Work Plan, does not offer options to cover the requested financial assistance, similar to what has already been requested with IHO CL 16/2022 in Reference B, Member States are invited to consider how to respond to the requested support in the interest of safety of navigation through continued conduct of hydrographic services under military conflict conditions.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr Luigi SINAPI,

Herewith I would like to express respect and gratitude for the fruitful cooperation between the International Hydrographic Organization and the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU), in particular, for all the IHO Secretariat's efforts aiming to promulgate the SHSU enquiry for support and assistance among the Member States of the Organization. The 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BASWG recently held in Istanbul, Türkiye, has become a good opportunity to see in person you and other colleagues representing the National Hydrographic Offices of the region.

As you know from the National Report of Ukraine represented during this event, there is an urgent need for the SHSU to obtain one (1) hydrographic survey vessel and one (1) tender buoy to replenish its fleet damages and losses caused by the ongoing aggression of the Russian Federation.

The SHSU has already delivered this enquiry to both the IALA and Trinity House. Meanwhile, we are also exploring the possibility to purchase the used vessels of the mentioned type in good technical condition from the other hydrographic services (the vessels specification enclosed).

We would greatly appreciate any assistance from the side of the IHO Secretariat aiming to circulate the SHSU enquiry in purchasing these items among the IHO Member States.

The assistance provided will help to enhance navigation safety and strengthen SHSU's efforts to manage risks and challenges posed by the Russian Federation.

Yours sincerely,

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**Needs of the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Q-TY</b>	<b>DELIVERY POINT</b>	<b>FINAL RECIPIENT</b>	<b>SPECIFICATION</b>
1	Buoy tender, such as BUOY TENDER 475 or its equivalent	1	5, Maiachnyi Lane, Odesa 65038, Ukraine	Odesa Branch of the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine	<p>Main specifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Area and navigating conditions: mixed (river-sea) +M-SP3.0 registry class) (ice 40)</li> <li>2. Type: coastal buoy tender, vessel for installing and removing floating aids to navigation up to 10.5 m in size</li> <li>3. Sizes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- length: 40.0-50.0 m</li> <li>- maximum width: 9.0-10.0 m</li> <li>- draft: 2-2,5 m</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Marine cargo handling gear: deck crane with lifting capacity of 8000 kg at a reach of 10 m</li> </ol>
2	Hydrographic survey vessel, such as CCGS Frederick G. Creed	1	5, Maiachnyi Lane, Odesa 65038, Ukraine	Odesa Branch of the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Type: hydrographic research vessel</li> <li>2. Sizes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- length: 20 m</li> <li>- width: 10.0 m</li> <li>- draft: 2.6 m</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Crew: 4 people</li> <li>4. Sea endurance: 3 days</li> </ol>