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**75th session**



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**17 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**17.1 – The Crisis in Ukraine**

Note by the Secretariat

**1. BACKGROUND**

On 25 April 2022, IALA wrote a letter to our National member of Ukraine, the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU), expressing our sympathies with the SHSU staff, their families, and the people of Ukraine (C75-17.1.1). SHSU acknowledged receipt of this letter on 11 March 2022.

Shortly after, the Secretary-General issued a message to the Committee Chairs and a few members who asked, covering the policy regarding participation in future meetings etc.:

“When we talk about international crisis like the one in Ukraine, but also in relation to other Countries under international restrictions, it is important to note Article 2 of the Constitution which states:

*IALA is secular and non-political.*

*IALA brings together services and organizations concerned with the provision or maintenance of Marine Aids to Navigation and allied activities, at sea and on inland waterways.*

The association will of course follow French and/or international rules related to specific countries etc., but as a main rule we welcome our members to our technical meetings and activities as normal. Our members are of course expected to follow the rules in their country of origin, and we normally do not interfere with this.”

On 29 April 2022, SHSU issued a request for assistance to IALA (C75-17.1.2) with a list of urgent needs and a request for financial help with the annual membership contribution.

As requested, the annual membership fee for 2022 for SHSU has been waived.

SHSU also requested two IWRAP licences. The Secretariat has negotiated with the software development company (Project 44) who issue the IWRAP licences, and they are prepared to provide two licences for a period of two years, free of charge.

The request from SHSU was distributed to the members by email (C75-17.1.3) and answered by letter of 19 May 2022 (C75-17.1.4).

On 10 May 2022, IALA received a letter from the State Service for Maritime and River Transport of Ukraine (C75-17.1.5) with a request to deprive the membership and to ban the participants from the Russian Federation.

The letter was answered on 19 May 2022 (C75-17.1.6).



## **2. THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO**

**Note** the information provided in this note and the attached correspondence and investigate possibilities to support our National member in Ukraine.

C75-17.1.1



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Saint Germain en Laye, 25 February 2022

Our reference: 22-032/1UKRA01

Dear Mr Viktor Belinskyi,

At this difficult time our thoughts are with you and your staff and your families and the people of Ukraine.

Membership of IALA goes back to 2004 and the most cordial links have been fostered over the years.

Attendance of Ukraine at IALA at the committees of the Aids to Navigation Engineering and Sustainability (ENG) and Aids to Navigation Requirements and Management (ARM) as well as the General Assemblies and other gatherings has been noteworthy and long may this continue.

Your people's keenness to join and succeed has been most impressive and welcome.

With my best regards,

Francis Zachariae  
Secretary-General

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- The State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and  
Shipping of Ukraine

Subject: Provision of Financial, Technical, Humanitarian or Other Assistance  
and Support to the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU) as  
an IALA National Member

Dear Mr. Francis ZACHARIAE,

As a result of the war waged by Russia, as an aggressor country and invader, against Ukraine on February 24, 2022 and also due to the Russian barbaric methods of warfare on land, air and sea, Ukraine suffers from significant human, economic and infrastructural losses on a daily basis. As of today, the direct combat operations are taking place in nine regions of our country, where the enterprises provided approximately 50 per cent of the Ukrainian GDP were located. Among



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other negative economic effects, Ukraine continues to redirect logistics and supply chains from sea to railway via the Eastern Europe due to piracy and terrorist activities of the Russian Federation in the maritime area of Ukraine, including the violation of rules of warfare by the Russian Navy. In particular, it concerns the deliberate use of drifting sea mines by the Russian Federation – and that turns these very mines into an indiscriminate destruction weapon within an uncertain and unlimited area of mining, that in its turn poses the threats to the safety of navigation and human life at sea in violation of numerous requirements and provisions of the international maritime law.

The State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU), a subordinate body of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine, functions both as the national hydrographic service and the national lighthouse authority. Thus, the SHSU represents Ukraine both in the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) respectively.

First of all, herewith the SHSU deems it necessary to inform the Secretariat of the current inability of Ukraine, as the IALA National Member, to ensure timely payment of its annual membership contribution to the budget of the Association for 2022, at least until the end of the military situation in Ukraine, which was declared on February 24, 2022 and goes on up to the moment.

Meanwhile, as a National Member of the Association devoted to its mission and goals and an active participant of numerous international events under the aegis of the IALA, the SHSU currently needs assistance and addresses to the Secretariat of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities and its members (national, industrial, associated) as to its long-standing partners and friends, with a request for comprehensive support, which would help the SHSU to preserve, first of all, its human resource that consists of highly qualified professionals, as well as production capacities, hydraulic structures, specialized fleet, equipment, including shipborne, etc., at the SHSU head office in Kyiv, as well as in regional branches of the national lighthouse authority. Herewith we ask you to consider the possibility of issuing an IALA Circular Letter to promulgate the request of Ukraine among as wide range of the IALA members as possible.

The SHSU would also appreciate any possible financial assistance (to ensure the current salary payments due to the total loss of income by the SHSU), technical, humanitarian or other kind of assistance or support, including educational and training capabilities for the SHSU staff, from the side of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities and its respected members.



Anyway, we enclose to this letter the lists of urgent and priority needs of the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine for the fastest restoration of its normal functioning and so, performance of its key functions at the permanently high level.

SHSU contact person / coordinator for assistance and support issues: Miss Alla MIAGKOVA, Head of the International Relations Division of the Department for International Relations and Communications with Public Authorities of the SHSU, e-mail: [miagkova.a@hydro.gov.ua](mailto:miagkova.a@hydro.gov.ua), [miagkova@yahoo.com](mailto:miagkova@yahoo.com), tel. +380503440108.

Annexes: 7 sheets

Best regards,

Andrii ANISIMOV  
Acting Head of the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine

**Francis Zachariae**

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**Fra:** IALA Contact  
**Sendt:** 5. maj 2022 15:18  
**Til:** IALA Contact  
**Cc:** IALA Secgen  
**Emne:** Ukraine's request for assistance  
**Vedhæftede filer:** .Annex 1.docx; 2022.04.27\_-\_Ukraine\_to\_IALA\_-\_request\_for\_assistance.pdf; Annex 2.docx; Annex 3.docx

**Prioritet:** Høj

Ref: 22-066

Dear IALA member,

The Secretary-General has received the attached letter from the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU), who is the National member.

SHSU addresses a request for support, which could help the SHSU to preserve its human resource that consists of highly qualified professionals, as well as production capacities, hydraulic structures, specialized fleet, equipment, including shipborne etc., at the SHSU head office in Kyiv as well as in regional branches of the national lighthouse authority.

SHSU also ask IALA members to consider possible financial assistance to ensure the current salary payments due to the total loss of income by the SHSU, technical, humanitarian, or other kind of assistance or support, including educational and training capabilities for the SHSU staff.

As most of the items on the attached lists are hydrographic equipment the request has been coordinated with the International Hydrographic Organization, who has received a similar letter.

The request of SHSU is forwarded for your consideration and possible action.

Kind regards,

**IALA Secretariat**

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C75-17.1.4

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Saint Germain en Laye, May 19, 2022

Dear Mr Andrii Anisimov,

Thank you for your letter of 5 May 2022 by which you draw my attention to the significant human, economic and infrastructural losses caused by the current situation in Ukraine and the very difficult situation for your organization.

Once again, I would like to express my and the Secretariat deepest sympathy in these challenging times.

I have arranged to have your correspondence and annexes immediately forwarded to IALA members for their consideration as requested.

Mindful that the current situation may not allow you to meet your financial obligations, IALA has decided, as an immediate action, to waive your annual contribution for this year for a total amount of Euros 17,670.

Prior to the crisis, the IALA World-Wide Academy successfully trained several SHSU staff members in the use of the Risk Management Toolbox. This included the use of the IWRAP Mk2 risk assessment tool which is used to analyze the navigational risk in a given waterway. The course included a three-month license for IWRAP for each of the students.

Your letter included a request for two IWRAP licenses. The Secretariat has negotiated with the software development company (Project 44) who issue the IWRAP licenses, and they are prepared to provide two IWRAP licenses for a period of two years, free of charge.

We follow closely the developments, and we all hope that the situation will soon improve in your Country.

Yours sincerely,

  
Francis Zachariae  
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Dear Sirs

The State Service for Maritime and River Transport of Ukraine expresses deep respect to your Organization and addresses the following.

Ukraine, as a member of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities, has always ensured the rule of international law, compliance with the requirements for the safe operation of the maritime transport and generally established principles of respect for each member of this organization.

Today Ukrainian people fight for their independence and freedom, uphold the general principles of democracy and civilized development of international society.

Armed aggression of the Russian Federation poses a significant threat not only to Ukrainian shipping, but also undermines global trade routes involving ships from other countries.

Due to the Russian Federation's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, including the Russian Federation's acts of terrorism and piracy at sea effected against civilian ships together with search and rescue ships on a humanitarian mission, and blockade of civilian and commercial shipping in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, the whole world imposes numerous unprecedented sanctions, puts various bans and asset freeze on Russian businesses, companies and individuals.

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та річкового транспорту  
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№ 240/413/14-22 від 31.03.2022



Ukraine as one of the founding states of the United Nations Organization, and a long-standing partner and active member of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities urges your Organization to stand with Ukraine and take the following measures against the russian federation, which has been recognized by international community as the aggressor, occupier and terrorist state:

- deprivation of membership of the russian federation in International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities as the aggressor state, whose armed forces are committing war, humanitarian crimes and genocide of the Ukrainian people on the territory of Ukraine;

- ban the participation of the russian federation in any leading and working bodies of your international organization, including participation in voting

- initiate the procedure of removing the russian language from the list of official languages of the IALA.

Please, receive the assurances of our highest considerations and gratitude for your continued support of Ukraine. I call for your cooperation in stopping Russian aggression and saving the lives of innocent Ukrainians.

Sincerely yours,

Head

Vitaliy KINDRATIV

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Saint Germain en Laye, 19 May 2022

Dear Sirs,

The International Association for Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) expresses deep respect to your organization and acknowledges receipt of your e-mail dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 as well as the letter attached.

IALA is very concerned with the situation in Ukraine, and from the beginning of the conflict, has expressed its sympathy through the National member, the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU).

IALA is proud to have SHSU as a National member and welcomes its willingness to continuously and consistently conform with IALA standards, guidelines, and recommendations to comply with its obligations.

IALA is mindful of the human losses and the damages caused by the conflict and believes that our membership worldwide is taking the appropriate measures to support Ukraine. IALA has forwarded the correspondence of the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine received on 5<sup>th</sup> May, by which they were requesting assistance, to its members.

The IALA Secretariat has also taken action to assist SHSU within our level of competence. This is communicated directly to SHSU.

IALA would like to assure the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine of IALA's support and that it will continue to investigate the different possibilities to help in the nearest future.

Yours sincerely,

  
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