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Statement by the Swedish Chairmanship of BSHC, in agreement with the Baltic Sea Member States of the European Union

Dear Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission Member States representatives,

In reaction to the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, the present Chairmanship of BSHC, Sweden, in agreement with the Baltic Sea Member States of the European Union, has suspended all meetings of BSHC bodies and working groups under the BSHC umbrella with immediate effect until further notice.

The BSHC Member States that are Member States of the European Union will review their position concerning the meetings of BSHC bodies and working groups taking into account future developments with regard to the situation in Ukraine and will communicate their position in due course. The aforementioned Contracting Parties reaffirm their wish and intention to continue the work of BSHC for the benefit of the development of hydrographic information in the entire Baltic Sea Region.

This does not prevent continuous correspondence within the BSHC bodies and working groups regarding ongoing work and actions in the working groups respective work plan. Furthermore, bi-lateral or multi-lateral cooperation between Baltic Sea Hydrographic Offices in any other forms are encouraged.

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BSHC Chair