

## **Proposal and Comments by the Republic of Korea to the S-23 Working Group**

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### **■ General Comments**

This Working Group must find a reasonable method for achieving its mandate--that is, to produce a revised draft 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the S-23—in a timely manner. The ROK believes that in order for this to occur, we must keep in mind the following two points.

- It is generally agreed that the outdated 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the S-23 published in 1953 is no longer relevant. To maintain the credibility and relevance of the S-23, the 4<sup>th</sup> edition should reflect the situation that has evolved since the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition was published.
- The S-23 should serve as an international reference for providing cartographers and oceanographers with all relevant and up-to-date information on the names and/or limits of oceans and seas.

### **■ Comments on the Proposals by France and Australia**

The ROK would like to thank France and Australia for their concrete suggestions. It is evident that both countries are cognizant of the seriousness of the revision of the S-23 and the interests of all concerned states, and the ROK believes that both proposals are well worth considering. It is our view that these proposals will contribute to the Working Group's progress in achieving its mandate.

### **■ The ROK's Proposal**

In accordance with the underlying principle in France's proposal of giving equal consideration to all legitimate toponyms in use for areas over which there is significant disagreement, the ROK would like to suggest a slight modification to Australia's proposal. We share Australia's idea of showing all legitimate names and/or limits of oceans and seas in the S-23 when a consensus cannot be reached. However, we propose changing the method indicated in item 2 (b) of Australia's proposal as follows:

- That the following two items be shown together on the same page: (i) the fact that there is a reservation on the names and/or limits of some oceans and seas by certain member states; (ii) other legitimate names and/or limits in use

Showing all legitimate names and/or limits of oceans and seas in use on the same page will allow cartographers and oceanographers to more easily compare different names and/or limits at first glance. This method of presentation better serves the S-23's intended function, coincides with the intention of the IHO Technical Resolutions, and improves navigational safety by providing all relevant information in a straightforward and easily comprehensible fashion. /End/