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Dear Vice Admiral Maratos,

The Belgian delegation would like to express its deepest appreciation for the work of the IHO and the Working Group for its continuous attempts and contributions to pursue its objectives

The Belgian Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs has tasked us to provide you with the following reply:

Belgium has been informed of the many comments already made and also refers to the procedural rule within the IHO S-23 WG that decisions should generally be made by consensus. Belgium therefore invites the concerned parties to restart a dialogue on this issue, with the help of the chair of the group, and to strive for a consensus solution conform the general interest to have the updated publication of the maps issued on time.

Yours sincerely,

Capt. Jacques D'HAVÉ
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