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Dear Vice Admiral MARATOS,

Referring to S-23 WG letter No. 03/2011 dated 24 May 2011, Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) on behalf of the government of I. R. of IRAN, would like to state it's view as follows:

" I. R. of IRAN firmly believes that this matter due to its nature could be solved in a diplomatic manner, and therefore the agreement shall be reached by both parties involved. Taking into consideration that S-23 W.G has not come to a consensus as of yet, therefore we should remain inherent with the historical name in the relevant documents in order to reach a sustainable conclusion in this matter. In this regard for the time being we suggest this issue should be removed from S-23 WG Reporting to Member States, and request Republic of Korea and Japan to come up with some historical facts, documents and charts etc... in order to reach a sustainable conclusion in this matter ".

Sincerely Yours,
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