

Dear Chairman,

1. The comment of Turkey in paragraph 3.2 bullet 4 of the S-23 WG Letter No.03/2011 to read "*It will not support and/or make any comment on any proposal(s) for the sea areas around China and Taiwan, unless relevant States are agreed on*" is not as in its email dated 25 October 2010 which is to read "*It will not support and/or make any comment on any proposal(s) for the sea area between the Korean peninsula and the Japanese archipelago, unless the relevant parties are agreed upon.*"

2. As the comments and proposals of Turkey which was sent on 20th May, 2011 were not included in S-23 WG Letter No 03/2011, Turkey would like the Chair Group to consider and include its comments and proposals before the report is brought to the attention of Member States in accordance with the ToR of the S-23 WG.

3. Turkey does not agree if the report and the draft 4th edition of S-23 does not reflect its comments and proposals in its representative's e-mail dated 20 May 2011 before they are circulated to MSs for approval.

4. You may find the e-mail dated 20 May 2011 as follows:

"Dear Chairman,

The comments of Turkey for the following proposals stated in the S-23 WG Letter 02/2011 are as follows;

1. The proposal in paragraph 5.2, 1st bullet "A detailed report to be drafted by the Chair-Group of the S-23 WG and sent to all Member States with a Circular Letter, explaining the work done in the identified "areas of concern", the decisions made at the 2nd meeting of the WG and the follow up actions. The report will be passed to the members of the WG for their comments before being sent to Member States".

Comment (s) : The proposal is agreed.

2. The proposal in paragraph 5.2, 2nd bullet, article c) "Whether the name "Japan Sea" could be used for naming the sea area between the Korean Peninsula and the Japanese Archipelago, considering paragraph 2 of the S-23 WG Letter No. 06/2010, and the views and observations expressed in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of S-23 WG Letter 02/2011".

Comment (s) : Turkey maintains her following position:

"Turkey will not support and/or make comments on any proposal(s) on this issue unless the relevant parties have agreed."

3. The proposal in paragraph 5.2, 2nd bullet, article d) "Whether Member States agree to insert in S-23, reservations which they may have on different positions on certain names, or limits or both, appearing on the same page, as indicated in the 2nd bullet point of paragraph 2.4 of the S-23 WG Letter No. 06/2010. The details and arguments of the reservations to be included in an Annex".

Comment (s) : Turkey agrees to insert the reservations which they may have on different positions on certain names, or limits or both, in S-23, but not in an Annex. Turkey proposes to insert the details and arguments of the reservations in the following page(s) of the relevant page in order to make the document more user-friendly. That's why, Turkey proposes to change the last sentence of above paragraph as; "The details and arguments of the reservations to be included in the following page(s) of the relevant page."

4. The proposal in paragraph 5.2, 2nd bullet, article e) "An "Important Notice" to be included in the Preface of S-23 in red, which will indicate the technical character of the publication, its restriction not to be used for political and juridical purposes, and the purpose and use of the Annex".

Comment (s) : Turkey agrees on proposed "Important Notice" if it is amended according to the proposal in item 3.

5. The proposal in para. 5.2, 2nd bullet, article f) "The 2002 draft edition of S-23 to be used as a basis to reflect the positions that will be approved by Member States on the area of concern. A draft 4th edition of S-23 to be circulated afterwards to Member States for final comments and approval"

Comment (s) : Turkey agrees on the proposal of the 2002 draft edition of S-23 to be used as a basis if it reflects Turkey's position on the southern limit of the Aegean Sea which was sent to the IHB via email dated 03 December 2010. The details of the limits of the Aegean Sea is in the attachment.

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