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Admiral Maratos
Chair IHO S-23 Working Group
International Hydrographic Bureau

Dear Admiral Maratos,

Reference:

A. Hydro 0150/11 dated 27 April 2011

1. My recent letter at the reference proposed consideration of Australia's alternative option which was first suggested at the S-23 WG Meeting in Singapore and later referred to in Australia's response to S-23 WG Letter 6/2010.

2. I regret to advise that I was overly optimistic in proposing this course of action. In response to my letter of advice to the Japanese representative I have already received a clear and definitive response stating that Australia's alternative proposal is completely unacceptable to Japan.

3. Accordingly, as I have been acting in good faith in an attempt to seek a compromise that may be acceptable to both Japan and Korea, I have to accept that I have been unsuccessful and that further consideration of Australia's alternative proposal need not be pursued.

Yours sincerely,

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