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*Dear Alexandros,*

**S-23 WG Letter No. 06/2010 - Way forward to progress S-23**

The UK wholeheartedly endorses the 'way forward' proposal, the IHO's pragmatic solution and its balanced analysis of previous S-23 WG proposals and comments.

We are gratified to see that the IHO is emphasising the technical nature of its work. The IHO might also wish to emphasise that the purpose of the S-23 publication is to provide a reference guide to charting the limits of oceans and seas rather than a source for official geographical names.

Finally, we look forward to viewing the documentation that will be provided by China to enable consideration of the other unresolved issues in the region.

*It was really good to see you last week and I  
much appreciate your candid views.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Nick*