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Your Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your reference letter, informing the International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB) on the decision of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman to use the name "Sea of Oman" instead of "Gulf of Oman". I would like to bring to your attention the following:

- The name "Gulf of Oman" has been used since 1923 in all previous editions of the IHO Publication S-23. "Limits of Oceans and Seas". This technical publication is intended for use of mariners, hydrographers and marine cartographers without having any legal significance;
- In April 2009 the IHO, with the agreement of its Member States, established a Working Group with the aim of studying and proposing to Member States of the Organization for their approval, a revised edition of S-23. The current edition in force is the 3rd edition dated 1953;
- As Chairman of the Working Group for the revision of the IHO Publication S-23, I will bring your letter to the attention of the Members of the Working Group for their consideration.

On behalf of the Directing Committee
Yours sincerely,

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS
President