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**S-23 WG Letter No. 01/2010**

**IHO S-23 Working Group  
2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting, Singapore, 5-7 July 2010**

**To:** S-23 WG Members (see list at Annex A)

**References:** a) Report on the status and progress of the work of the IHO S-23 WG dated 12 April 2010  
b) Email dated 26 April 2010 from Secretary of the Working Group.

Dear Members of the WG,

With regard to reference a), in the last paragraph, under "Proposal", a face-to-face meeting was proposed in order to progress the work and to consider the various opinions expressed on the areas of concern. It was also indicated that this meeting could take place from 5 - 7 July 2010 in the East Asia region. A three day meeting has been planned to ensure ample time for all issues to be discussed. In reference b) the Secretary of the WG announced that this meeting will take place in Singapore. No objections were received to progress with the meeting and several members of the working group explicitly expressed their support for a face-to-face meeting. France provided specific comments which have been posted on the IHO website, in French and English. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Parry OEI, Director of the Hydrographic Department of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, for accepting to organize this meeting. The logistics for the meeting are provided in Annex C. Members of the WG (see list in Annex A) are requested and urged to consider participating in this meeting and come prepared to contribute to its success.

The draft Agenda for the meeting is attached in Annex B for your consideration. Please provide your comments on the draft Agenda by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. All documents referring to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the S-23 WG will be posted on the IHO website. Members of the WG wishing to present papers for consideration during the meeting, are requested to make them available to the Secretary as soon as possible in order for them to be posted on the IHO website. The final Agenda and detailed programme will be provided by the 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Vice Admiral Alexandros MARATOS,  
IHB President and Chairman of the S-23 WG

Enclosures:     Annex A – S-23 WG Membership List  
                  Annex B – Draft Agenda for the 2nd S-23 WG Meeting  
                  Annex C - Logistics

Copy to the IHO Member States bordering the areas of concern.

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

*[Please provide any comments to the S-23 WG Secretary <mhuet@ihb.mc> by 4 June 2010]*

Note: Meeting to start at 09:00 on 5 July

1. Registration;
2. Welcome address by the host nation;
3. Welcome address by the Chair of the S-23 WG;
4. Administrative arrangements for the meeting. Host nation and Secretary;
5. Members positions regarding the proposal to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> S-23 WG Meeting;
6. Approval of the Agenda and work programme;
7. ToR and RoP of the S-23 WG, by the Chair;
8. Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the S-23 WG;
9. Report of the work of the S-23 WG, by the Chair;
10. Preliminary comments by the participants;
11. Topics to be considered:
  - The Malacca Strait;
  - The South China Sea – East China Sea;
  - The naming of sea area between the Korea Peninsula and the Japanese Archipelago; and
  - The Gulf/Sea of Oman issue.
12. Any other Business.
13. Decisions of the meeting;
14. Report to Member States.
15. Closing remarks by the Chair.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the IHO S-23 Working Group  
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**LOGISTICS INFORMATION**

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Room price will be S\$190.00 per single room per night, inclusive of breakfast and free internet access.

Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations, copy to the S-23 WG Secretary ([mhuet@ihb.mc](mailto:mhuet@ihb.mc)), by contacting:

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