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Dear Mr. HUET,

I am pleased to submit the undersea feature name proposals as attached for consideration by the SCUFN at the XX meeting of SCUFN to be held at the IHB, Monaco, on 9-12 July 2007.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'YJ YEON', is written above the printed name.

Yeong-Jin, YEON

Director General  
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And

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Enclosures As stated

# **Overview of Undersea Feature Names in the Central Part of East Sea**

Since the 1990s, the Republic of Korea has conducted a comprehensive hydrographic survey on the surrounding areas of the Korean Peninsula and made its endeavors to systematically organize undersea feature names. The survey on the basic information of undersea features including three-dimensional data has been extensively carried out by the National Oceanographic Research Institute (NORI) of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea.

Furthermore, recognizing the importance of the undersea feature names, the Korean government decided to establish a committee on marine geographical names in accordance with the international rules. In July 2002, the Korean Committee on Marine Geographical Names (KCMGN) was launched. It consists of 15 members headed by the chairman of the NORI and experts from the concerned ministries and academia.

The establishment of the KCMGN and its activities were reported at the Eighth United Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/CONF.94/INF.48: New Establishment of the Korean Committee on Marine Geographical Names) in Berlin, 2002 and at the twenty-second session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (WP No.88: The Establishment of the Korean Committee on Marine Geographical Names (KCMGN) and other Development) in New York, 2004.

Along with the survey on undersea feature names, the KCMGN established provisions on the standardization of marine geographical names. From 2002 to 2006, the KCMGN approved the new names of 74 undersea features located within the waters around Korea and registered them in the Korean official gazette.

In 2005, the KCMGN named undersea features in the central part of East Sea in conformity with the procedures and standards of the international standardization of undersea feature names as set by SCUFN. Among those names, 10 are hereby submitted to the twentieth session of the Sub Committee on the Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) for its consideration.

The newly submitted undersea feature names include: two plateaus (*Gangwon, Ulleung*), one trough (*Usan*), one escarpment (*Usan*), two basins (*Onnuri, Saenal*), one bank (*Hupo*) and three seamounts (*Kiminu, Igyuwon, Anyongbok*).

The generic features such as plateaus, seamounts and basins are geologically connected and thus should be understood as a whole. The major characteristics of these ten undersea feature names are specified in the application form.