

**Australia's response to S-23 WG Letter 01/2012**

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Dear Admiral Maratos,

1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft S-23 WG report to Member States. Firstly let me make a few suggestions:

A. The heading of paragraph 3 could be misinterpreted as "a way forward from now" rather than "a proposed way forward developed during the course of the working group activities", therefore I suggest that the paragraph name might be better expressed as "The Development of a Proposed Way Forward to Progress S-23"

B. The use of "Way Forward" again in the heading of Paragraph 4 is confusing, as prior to this paragraph it is clearly stated at para 3.5, first dot point that " There was no consensus on the "way forward" proposed by the chair group.....". Therefore I suggest that the heading of paragraph 4 becomes "Further Proposals to Member States" and the words "Way Forward" are deleted from the heading.

C. Paragraph 4.2, third dot point - insert the word "be" before "pursued".

2. With regard to paragraph 5.2, the request for views on possible ways for progressing a new edition of S-23. I reiterate my position expressed at the Singapore meeting that the extant edition of S-23 is 58 years old and substantially out of date and that the publication of a new edition is in the interest of all IHO members. Australia will continue to positively consider all options that would help to achieve this aim.

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