

IHO S-23 WORKING GROUP

Meeting of S-23 WG Chair Group with Rep. of Korea 18 October 2011, IHB

1. In progressing the work of the S-23 WG in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of S-23 WG Letter No. 04/2011 dated 22 July 2011, approved by the members of the WG, the Chair and Secretary of the WG met at the Bureau on 18 October 2011 with a delegation of the Republic of Korea led by Ambassador Dong Hee CHANG. The purpose of the meeting was to further review the issue of naming the sea area between the Korean Peninsula and the Japanese Archipelago and to try to identify possible ways forward.

2. A detailed discussion took place. The Korean delegation stated that:

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- The basic position of the Republic of Korea on this issue, as stated in its letters dated [10 January](#), [1 April](#), [2 June](#) and [24 June 2011](#), is that the name “East Sea” should be used concurrently with the name “Japan Sea”.
- The Republic of Korea’s views are that IHO Resolution A4.2 (now Res. 1/1972) paragraph 6 is applicable to this sea area and that, for this reason, both names East Sea and Japan Sea should be shown concurrently in the 4th edition of the S-23.
- The Republic of Korea remains open to any constructive suggestions that give equal weight to East Sea and Japan Sea, and stands ready to engage fully and sincerely in future consultations for a resolution of this pressing issue.

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