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TO : International Hydrographic Bureau

SUBJECT : Turkey's Comments on Proposals in the S-23 WG Letter 02/2011.

REF. : S-23 WG Letter No. 02/2011, dated 21 March 2011

Dear Chairman,

The comments of Turkey for the following proposals stated in the S-23 WG Letter 02/2011 are as follows;

1. The proposal in paragraph 5.2, 1st bullet *"A detailed report to be drafted by the Chair-Group of the S-23 WG and sent to all Member States with a Circular Letter, explaining the work done in the identified "areas of concern", the decisions made at the 2nd meeting of the WG and the follow up actions. The report will be passed to the members of the WG for their comments before being sent to Member States"*.

Comment (s) : The proposal is agreed.

2. The proposal in paragraph 5.2, 2nd bullet, article d) *"Whether Member States agree to insert in S-23, reservations which they may have on different positions on certain names, or limits or both, appearing on the same page, as indicated in the 2nd bullet point of paragraph 2.4 of the S-23 WG Letter No. 06/2010. The details and arguments of the reservations to be included in an Annex"*.

Comment (s) : Turkey agrees to insert the reservations which Member States may have on different positions on certain names, or limits or both, in S-23, but not in an Annex. Turkey proposes to insert the details and arguments of the reservations in the following page(s) of the relevant page in order to make the document more user-friendly. That's why, Turkey proposes to change the article as; *"Whether Member States agree to insert in S-23, reservations which they may have on different positions on certain names, or limits or both, to be included in the following page(s) of the relevant page."*

3. The proposal in paragraph 5.2, 2nd bullet, article e) *"An "Important Notice" to be included in the Preface of S-23 in red, which will indicate the technical character of the publication, its restriction not to be used for political and juridical purposes, and the purpose and use of the Annex"*.

Comment (s) : Turkey agrees on proposed "Important Notice" if it is amended according to the proposal in item 2.

4. The proposal in para. 5.2, 2nd bullet, article e) "*The 2002 draft edition of S-23 to be used as a basis to reflect the positions that will be approved by Member States on the area of concern. A draft 4th edition of S-23 to be circulated afterwards to Member States for final comments and approval*"

Comment (s) : Turkey agrees on the proposal of the 2002 draft edition of S-23 to be used as a basis if it reflects Turkey's position on the southern limit of the Aegean Sea as in the Annex.

Best regards,

Annex :

Annex-A (Southern Limit of the Aegean Sea)

SOUTHERN LIMIT OF THE AEGEAN SEA

A line joining the Akyar Burnu (36° 41' 27"N - 28° 13' 33"E), on the coast of Turkey, southward to Cape Miloi (36° 27' 35"N - 28° 13' 19"E), the northern extremity of Rodhos Island;
thence from Cape Miloi southwestward, along the eastern coast of Rodhos Island, to Cape Prasson (35° 52' 48"N - 27° 44' 58"E), the southern extremity of this island;
thence a line joining Cape Prasson southwestward to Cape Volakas (35° 28' 43"N - 27° 13' 49"E), on the southern coast of Karpathos Island;
thence from Cape Volakas southward, along the southern coast of Karpathos Island, to Cape Kastellos (35° 24' 03"N - 27° 08' 07"E), the southern extremity thereof;
thence a line joining Cape Kastellos southwestward to Cape Aktis (35° 26' 07"N - 27° 00' 47"E), the northeastern extremity of Kasos Island;
thence from Cape Aktis southwestward, along the southern coast of Kasos Island, to Cape Avlaki (35° 21' 12"N - 26° 50' 58"E), on the southern coast of this island;
thence a line joining Cape Avlaki southwestward to Trakhilas Cape (35° 02' 04"N - 26° 13' 52"E), on the southeastern coast of Kriti Island;
thence from Trakhilas Cape westward, along the southern coast of Kriti Island, to the Xeoskalo Cape (35° 18' 20"N - 23° 30' 45"E), on the southwestern coast of Kriti Island;
thence a line joining Xeoskalo Cape northwestward to Cape Apolitarais (35° 49' 38"N - 23° 19' 35"E), the southern extremity of Andikithira Island;
thence from Cape Apolitarais northwestward, along the western coast of Andikithira Island, to Cape Kefali (35° 54' 15"N - 23° 16' 07"E), the northern extremity thereof;
thence a line joining Cape Kefali northwestward to Cape Trakhilos (36° 08' 07"N - 22° 59' 33"E), the southern extremity of Kithira Island;
thence from Cape Trakhilos northwestward, along the western coast of Kithira Island, to Cape Karavouyia (36° 22' 31"N - 22° 55' 15"E), the northern extremity of this island;
and thence a line joining Cape Karavouyia northward to Cape Ay.Marinas (36° 27' 50"N - 22° 56'E), the southwestern extremity of Elafinasos Island.

