

Proposed Way Forward
Australia's response to S-23WG Letter 06/2010

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Dear Michel,

1. Australia remains committed to finding a solution, acceptable to all parties, for the depiction of the names and limits of all oceans and seas to enable the publication of a new edition of S-23. I thank the IHB for your efforts in putting together a reasonable proposed solution based on the numerous inputs to the S-23 Working Group meeting in Singapore, including part of the proposals put forward by Australia.

2. As has been previously stated, Australia has no specific position relating to the naming of the body of water between the Japan archipelago and the Korean peninsula. However, in the interests of publishing a revised edition of S-23 Australia made the compromise proposal as detailed at the first dot point of paragraph 2.1 of your letter. This proposal included two options for depicting alternative names for sea areas, either in an annex or in a second page for the same sea area or ocean area immediately following the first. Australia recognizes that the use of an annex (as proposed in the IHB 'way forward') rather than a second page, will result in a more efficient and readable document and therefore Australia agrees with the proposed 'way forward' proposed in the IHB letter.

3. Australia further suggests that should the proposed 'way forward' not be acceptable to all member states then further consideration be given to the "insertion of a second page for the same sea or ocean area, immediately following the first."

Kind regards,

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