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Dear Vice Admiral MARATOS,

Sorry for late response. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your staff a very prosperous and happy new yaer.

Following Mr. HUET's e-mail of January 19, 2011, and reffering to S-23 WG Letter 06/2010 dated 20 Dec. 2010, We have gone through IHB's suggestion which was brought under section 2.4 "A way forward".

This is to inform you that this administration has not come to a conclusion of choosing one of the suggestions made in above mentioned letter as of yet. Therefore we have decided to cast an abstention vote for the Sea area between the Korean Peninsula and the Japanese Archipelago for the time being.

This issue could be discussed in more details at the next S-23 session.

Yours sincerely,

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