

Proposed Way Forward

Oman's Response to S-23WG Letter 06/2010

Sujet:RE: S-23 WG Letter no. 06/2010 - Way forward to progress S-23

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Dear Michel,

Please find below my comments on the S23 WG Letter No. 06/2010 dated 20 December 2010;

1. I suggest that the WG should first come up with a suggested methodology on naming areas and limits of the sea in question without pointing to any particular sea area.
2. Once this methodology is accepted in general, then it should be written in S23 and reflected on all concerned sea areas in a consistent manner. This methodology will be the bench mark of any area in question.
3. Based on the 2 points above and referring to point number 2.4 of the S23 WG Letter No. 06/2010 dated 20 December 2010; 2nd, 3rd and 4th bullet points are supported. I cannot comment on the 1st bullet point because I feel that first a clear methodology should be decided in general, as indicated above, and then it can be applied in a particular case. Therefore, I am not in a position to comment on such a sensitive issue like this.
4. I hope that the issue of renaming the Gulf of Oman to Sea of Oman will be brought up again especially that there was no objection in general from states. It would be much appreciated if you could please send me the historical background of the limits of the Strait of Hormuz as indicated in the final draft of the 2nd S23 WG meeting. Oman May need to revise these limits.

Kind regards,

Thani