

Proposed Way Forward

South Africa's response to S-23WG Letter 06/2010

Subject:Re: S-23 WG

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Dear Alexandros,

I think your proposed "way forward" is reasonable, but "buy-in" from the two main role players may be lacking. I have not seen a response from Japan, but the RoK response to you and a letter from their embassy to my office indicates that they are not supporting the proposal. This is unfortunately a political issue where a technical solution may be very difficult without some bi-lateral consensus.

The proposal may be changed slightly as follows:

For this area, the name appearing in the current and still valid 3rd edition, to be used with a footnote indicating the Korean name usage for the same area. It should not be reflected as a reservation in the Annex. I believe this will be in accordance with TR A4.2 paragraph 6.

The text on title page of the 4th Edition S-23 to be amended to read "The limits and names described in this publication, etc".

I hope that these slight alterations may make the proposal more acceptable. I believe it should be referred to Japan and the RoK with a request that they make further improvements on the proposal or come to another compromise.

Best regards
Abri