1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

2. In view of the dispute that exists between the States concerned and ongoing bilateral discussions and multilateral discussions in the International Hydrographic Organization, the Secretariat notes that the inclusion of the term ‘Sea of Japan’ in document CoP12 Doc. 66 does not imply its recognition of a particular geographical designation for the body of water in question.

3. This document replaces document CoP12 Inf. 23 which should be disregarded.