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Corrigendum

Paragraphs 96-104

Replace the existing text with the following:

Action taken by the Conference

96. At its final plenary, the Conference adopted 15 resolutions (see chap. III below). The delegates from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and from The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia voiced some reservations concerning the resolution of "List of country names (VII/8)".

97. A text, potentially serving as a draft resolution on the "standardization of names of maritime features beyond any sovereignty," was introduced by the Executive Secretary after introductory remarks by the President. The Executive Secretary explained that the text was not added to the list of draft resolutions due to lack of consensus on the matter, and pointed out that the Bureau nevertheless decided not to ignore the issue in view of the professionally shared interests and the technical concerns of participants in the Conference. The full text was read by the Executive Secretary.

98. The delegate from the Islamic Republic of Iran noted that there was not sufficient time to consider this serious matter and he proposed that the period between the Seventh and the Eighth Conferences should be used to consult on the matter with all authorities.

99. The delegate from Japan spoke against the circulation of the proposed text, because it was prepared without consensus and without following the customs of the past. He further stressed that Japan could not support the idea in the contents of the proposed text.

100. The delegate of the Republic of Korea indicated the reasons and need for such a resolution, and recommended that the Conference adopted such a resolution for the advancement of international cartography, in view of no existing resolution of the Conference on this important issue. The delegate of the Republic of Korea expressed deep regrets that the text once agreed upon by the drafting group could not be put forward for discussion due to the reservation of one delegation and was concerned that this might constitute an undesirable precedence for future Conferences. Emphasizing the merits of the proposal which was built upon Conference resolutions III/20 and II/25, and claiming that the proposal is nothing new and is only extending the scope of already existing general principles of cartography beyond any sovereignty in maritime features, he urged that the draft resolution should be considered by the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names with the goal of presenting a draft resolution to the Eighth Conference.

101. The delegate of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea expressed disappointment in the statements and position of the delegate from Japan.

102. The delegate of Israel, citing the fact that the sea area has been carrying both names on different maps of the countries bordering it, said that he would support the tabled resolution as it was, but did not object to referring the text back to the Group of Experts.

103. The delegate of the Republic of Korea requested that the Conference urge the interested parties to enter into consultations as soon as possible.

104. As interested delegations had stated their intention to submit a later statement for the record, the President reminded them that no statement could be accepted unless read to the assembled delegates.

104a. The delegate from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea restated its disagreement with the position expressed by the delegate of Japan.

104b. In his closing statement, the President noted that the Conference was not going to be able to reach consensus on this very delicate issue. Therefore, he urged and encouraged the parties concerned to take into account the previous resolutions of the Conference applicable to features beyond any sovereignty or beyond national sovereignty and to try, in the light of those resolutions and according to those resolutions, to reach an agreement.

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