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Purpose

Herewith an attempt to summarize the accomplishment of the Undersea Working Group to the present date, Monday, 8 February 1971.

Indications to the co-ordinator, Mr. Delaney, for further action, are invited.

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Undersea Features  
Information Paper No. 22  
Interim Report. Working Group - 3 February 1971

Recommendations:

- (a) That working papers (Information Paper No. 6 and addendums No. 1 & 2) were an acceptable basis for discussion.
- (b) That working paper No. 4 (of Information Paper No. 6) be amended as follows:
  - 1. That the Gebco list of term definitions were not as acceptable as implied (paragraph 2).
  - 2. That paragraph 3 be amended to indicate that some terms may be dropped as well as added.
  - 3. That paragraph 3 (2nd) be amended to indicate that Gebco activity in name work is considered much less in extent of that considered necessary.
  - 4. That the UN involvement needs determination.
- (c) That principles proposed in Paper No. 3 (Information Paper No. 6) be accepted as a base for circulation to hydrographers and oceanographers for comment.
- (d) That comment by the Group of Experts was invited.

NOTE: No comment was expressed in the general session of 4 February when the U.S.W. Group report was tabled.

Modifications of working papers 1 to 4 (Information Paper No. 6) proposed by the following members of the Undersea Working Group:

1. Howda (Information Paper No. 6 - Addendum No. 1)
  - (a) Paper 1 - agreement.
  - (b) Paper 2 - generic terms need more treatment than given in the Gebco List.
  - (c) Paper 3 - agreement.
  - (d) Paper 4 - general agreement as a basis for further study.
2. Bettag (Information Paper No. 6 - Addendum No. 1)
  - (a) Paper 1 - General agreement with Principles, but suggests addition of specific examples to make clear distinctions between "geographically significant names; descriptive names; names of associated physical features." (Principle 7)
  - (b) Paper 2 - general agreement.
  - (c) Paper 3 - agreement.
  - (d) Paper 4 - agrees with the proviso that Gebco is the best centralizing agency.
3. Konkov (Information Paper No. 6 - Addendum No. 2)
  - (a) Paper 1 - general agreement. Suggests principles be modified to:
    - (i) ensure priority of naming by discovering nations;
    - (ii) widen application of personal names to apply to major features.
  - (b) Paper 2 - favours accepting terms suggested by Edvalson.
  - (c) Paper 3 - general agreement.
  - (d) Paper 4 - general agreement with conclusions but expresses doubt that UN agency can assume the burden.
  - (e) General - favours papers as qualified by the Working Group as the basis for the report to the Second Conference.
4. Burrill (Information Paper No. 6 - Addendum No. 2)

No comments on the papers 1 to 4, inc.

Submitted "Guidelines for the Application of Specific Names" as in the course of consideration by the US Board of Geographical Names. (Information Paper No. 6, Addendum No. ).

These Guidelines stand in considerable contrast to the Principles proposed in working paper No. 1, yet are fundamentally aimed at the same purpose.

Principle Questions Still to be Resolved:

1. What agency should be responsible for the receiving, evaluation, and dissemination of geographic names, in the terms noted in paragraph 4 of working paper No. 4? (UN and Gebco are the possible ones)
2. What further operations need exploration by the Working Group, and by what means, before drafting of the final report for the pre-conference London meeting?  
(Some members of the Working Group are still to report)
3. What steps are to be taken to reconcile Dr. Burrill's "Guidelines" with the "Principles" proposed in working paper No. 1 (Information Paper No. 6)?

Consideration of these questions requested from members of the Undersea Features Working Group.

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