

WORKING GROUP
ON
UNDERSEA AND MARITIME FEATURE NAMES

PROPOSED AREAS OF DISCUSSION

1. From Resolution #22, London Conference

"study existing national and international practices concerning the delimitation and naming of oceans and seas including their integral sub-divisions, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction with a view to recommending improvements in current nomenclatural practices and procedures."

Suggested starting point

A consideration of the publication Limits of Oceans and Seas, issued by the International Hydrographic Bureau.

2. From Resolution #23, London Conference

".....work on a model statement or statements on the treatment of undersea feature names that can be suggested for adoption by interested countries;

.....develop model forms for proposing names of undersea featurespatterned after those used by the United States Board on Geographic Names and by similar organizations in other countries, and a form or forms for use by a national names authority in notifying any interested countries or institutions of its intention to name an underseafeature."

Suggested Starting Point

A consideration of the principles enunciated in the publication #111, by the United States Board On Geographical Names, entitled Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names, and the proposed form there-in.

3. From Resolution #26-B, London Conference

".....attempt to standardize the definitions of undersea feature terms and definitions"

Suggested Starting Point

Consideration of the 44 generic term definitions endorsed by

the Gebco organization of the I.H.O.

4. From expressions of opinion at the 5th Session, G. of Experts

Consider the possible adaptation of the United States Gazetteer on Undersea Feature Names as a basis for conversion to a gazetteer suitable for issue as a United Nations publication.

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DISCUSSIONS BY THIS GROUP TO RESUME ON THURSDAY MORNING, 10.00 a.m.