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REPORT BY THE CONVENOR

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During the period since the 10th UNGEGN, the Convenor reports the following actions:

1. He circulated a letter to members of the Working Group to ask whether they could report on any activities related to naming of undersea or maritime features. He also asked for opinions about eliminating work on undersea features as he recommended at the 10th UNGEGN. If this work were eliminated, the Working Group would concentrate only on maritime features.
2. He wrote a letter to the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) for the purpose of establishing liaison with IHO in regard to maritime and undersea names.
3. Canada informed the Convenor of its belief that the group of experts should maintain continuing liaison with the IHO to assure adequate attention to any future developments in naming of undersea features. In this connection, Canada also cited the possibility of needing to establish terms and definitions for new kinds of features. Thus, Canada indicated it was in favor of keeping the Working Group involved with undersea features.
4. Turkey submitted a number of proposal forms for names of undersea features in the eastern Aegean Sea and in the Sea of Marmara. Accompanying the forms were a flat map and a three-dimensional chart of the concerned area. (This information is provided in this report in case any nations wish to obtain the data from Turkey. The Working Group does not take any position regarding the validity of names.)