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Mr Chair,

1 My delegation would like to express our appreciation to you and the 
Bureau for your work throughout this week.

2 Singapore has found the discussions very helpful. The papers presented 
and the views exchanged have enhanced our knowledge of how other States have 
gone about the task of standardising the use of geographical names. Singapore 
notes that various charts and maps have been included within the working papers 
that were submitted. Some of these charts and maps contain depictions of 
maritime and territorial claims and boundaries that other States might not agree 
with. However, paragraph 3 in Section II of the Guiding Principles in the Rules 
of Procedure of this Group makes it clear that this forum is not the appropriate 
place to discuss or endorse such issues. Hence, Singapore wishes to reserve our 
position on the depictions of any maritime and territorial claims and boundaries 
in the working papers submitted. We believe that other States at the Session may 
also share our reservation and we can proceed with this meeting with that common 
understanding.

3 Thank you.

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