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Republic of Korea

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With respect to the statement/intervention submitted by the Japanese delegation on May 3, the delegation from the Republic of Korea makes the comments as follows :

First, with regard to the seminar of which the report has been submitted in GEGN.2/2021/CRP.123, the International Seminar on Sea Names has been steadily developing into a meaningful forum for discussing general issues on the international standardization of geographical names such as *Educating for Diversity through Geographical Names* or *Geographical Names in the Digital Era*, with the participation of experts not only from Korea but also from a number of countries.

Regarding the name of the sea area between the Korean Peninsula and the Japanese Archipelago, historic and cultural value of the name East Sea, and its recognition by the international community is beyond any doubt and firmly based on undeniable reality.

Concerning the interpretation of relevant resolutions by UNCSGN and IHO, this delegation does not intend to repeat the rationale which has been elaborated time and again, especially in its statement during the 1st session of UNGEGN, and the experts of UNGEGN are already aware of.



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