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To: International Hydrographic Organization  
Attn: Dr. Hyun-Chul HAN  
Chair of the Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names

### LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Dr. HAN, experts and participants of the 33<sup>rd</sup> SCUFN Meeting,

The Museum of the World Ocean in Kaliningrad is a modern maritime museum devoted to the history of study and exploration of the World Ocean. It is the only Russia's complex maritime museum with the Historic Fleet Embankment featuring the vessels of diverse fleets that is unique for international practice. Preserving cultural heritage of the Ocean including its meaningful and correct toponymy is one of our priorities.

Therefore we fully support the Proposal of the Gliere Memorial Museum in Moscow to give the name of a prominent Russian-Soviet composer, conductor and public figure (of German-Polish-French descent), Reinhold Gliere (1875-1956), to one of the innominate seamounts in the "Musicians' Seamounts" group, north of the Hawaii Islands. This summit has got the ID number 2902156 and coordinates 33° 52.02' N, 166° 58.74' W in the official catalogue of the World Ocean seamounts (Yesson, C et al., 2011).

Music by Reinhold Gliere is widely known and popular in Russia and worldwide. Significantly, that one of his early compositions, the symphonic poem "The Sirens" (1908) was devoted to the legendary adventures in the deep-sea water and won the Glinka Prize. Located in our region, on the shore of the Baltic Sea, one of the best children's music schools is named after Reinhold Gliere.

We strongly believe that naming "Gliere" one of the seamounts in the Pacific Ocean would be a smart decision precisely in 2020, when the whole cultural community celebrates his 145<sup>th</sup> birthday.

With deep respect,  
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Deputy Chairperson of the Interdepartmental Committee  
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