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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and has the honor to refer to the invitation for contributions to the first report of the Secretary General on Oceans and Law of the Sea.

In this regard the Mission is pleased to transmit Sri Lanka's comments on Advancing Ocean Science and Addressing Gaps in Knowledge and Ocean Science, and on the Science Policy Interface in Section I and V respectively, sent by the **Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment of Sri Lanka**, National Focal Point for the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment including Socioeconomic Aspects, as follows:

“ Section I: Advancing ocean science and identifying and addressing gaps in knowledge and ocean science-

Effective mechanism should be established to assist developing states and states with economies of transition, particularly in their exclusive economic zones to:

- Promote international cooperation
- Establish international and regional coordination
- Coordinate research and capacity development
- Share knowledge and research results
- Provide technical guidance advancing scientific knowledge of deep sea ecosystems
- Respond to emerging scientific and policy issues related to overexploitation of marine resources
- Apply knowledge for societal benefit

Section V: The Science – policy interface

A mechanism should be established for funding and sharing of scientific data among nations in order to transfer reliable, robust and impartial evidence into policy formulation.”

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the United Nations

in New York avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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