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Dear Mr. de Serpa Soares,

I would like to thank you for your invitation to contribute to the Secretary-General's report on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, and it is my pleasure to herewith transmit the inputs of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to the report.

In line with its mandate to promote Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID), UNIDO has assisted in the implementation of several specific provisions of General Assembly resolution 69/245 on Oceans and Law of the Sea and in the fulfillment of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Through the global promotion of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) and the Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies (TEST) to industries in the Mediterranean region, UNIDO has worked in support of Article 194 of the Convention to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment, as well as of Article 207 on pollution from land-based sources.

UNIDO is additionally working to fulfil Article 197 on cooperation on a global or regional basis, through its engagement in the Gulf of Mexico large marine ecosystem and by promoting the establishment of ecosystem-based governance in the region. The Strategic Action Program for the Gulf of Mexico foresees the implementation of joint stock assessments and the development of management plans by the governments of Mexico and of the United States of America. These activities also contribute to Article 63 on stocks occurring in the exclusive economic zones of two or more coastal states.

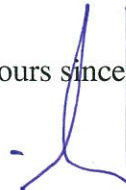
Through its capacity-building measures for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Minamata Convention on Mercury, UNIDO is furthermore working in support of Article 212 of the Convention on pollution from or through the atmosphere.

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Lastly, in the Red Sea State, Sudan, UNIDO is working towards Article 245 on the promotion of marine scientific research in the territorial sea, through the project 'Surveys of renewable marine resources in the Red Sea State'. In addition, UNIDO's project on 'Building institutional capacities for the sustainable management of the marine fisheries in the Red Sea State' supports Article 61 of the Convention on conservation of the living resources, and article 62 on the utilization of the living resources.

In light of its successful activities in this area, UNIDO remains highly committed to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and will continue to provide technical assistance and adopt programmes and projects to support the implementation of General Assembly resolution 69/245.

Yours sincerely,



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