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The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and with reference to Latter's Note No. LOS/FISHERIES/STATES/2012 and in accordance with paragraphs 162 and 163 of the General Assembly resolution 66/68 has the honour to inform the following.

Pursuant to the relevant decisions of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, which kills mammals and aquatic birds, has been banned. Turkey, as a party to the said Commissions, with a view to harmonizing its legislation with the decisions of the said Commissions and preventing such adverse effects on the living marine resources of the seas has adopted first restrictions in its domestic legislation in 2001 and as of 1 July 2011 use of such nets have been totally banned.

The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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