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SUBJECT: Input to the report of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

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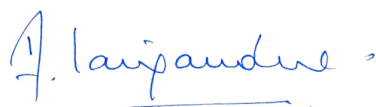
It is my great honour to submit to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations (DOALOS) the following completed assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) as an input to the report of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea:

- The Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species available at: [Thematic Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species and their Control | IPBES secretariat](#)

Specifically, Chapter 1 of the above-mentioned report refers to the adoption of the United Convention on the Law of the Sea as a milestone event relevant to biological invasions (see section 1.1), Chapter 2 provides the trends and status of alien and invasive alien species in marine ecosystems (see section 2.5.4), Chapter 3 explores the role of sea-use change and other drivers in the transport, introduction, establishment and spread of invasive alien species in seas and oceans (see section 3.3), Chapter 4 assesses the impacts of invasive alien species on nature, nature's contributions to people and good quality of life in the marine realm (see sections 4.3.2.3, 4.4.2.3 and 4.5.2.2), Chapter 5 and 6 evaluate the efficacy of, respectively, management and policy instruments for marine and connected water systems, including for ballast water.

We agree that the full text of our contribution can be made available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

Yours sincerely,



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