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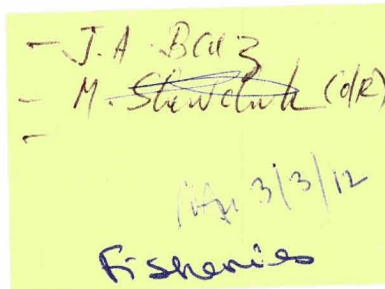
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DIVISION FOR OCEAN AFFAIRS  
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Dear Mr Tarassenko,



**Resolution 66/68 "Sustainable Fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments**

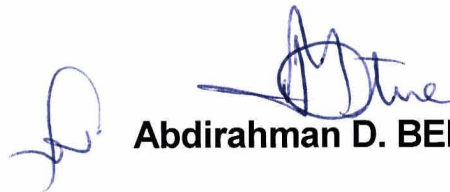
Thank you for your letter dated 29 December 2011 in which you requested information on recent developments concerning the subject-matters referred to in resolution 66/68, Sustainable Fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

With respect to subject-matters referred to in resolution 66/68, the African Development Bank continues to support African States in developing their fisheries sectors through the provision of infrastructure, such as landing sites, marketing and storage facilities, as well as infrastructure for the monitoring, control and surveillance of marine resources. This has been guided by the AfDB Agriculture Sector Strategy adopted January 2010. . Currently the Bank has 17 fisheries projects in Africa, for a total of more than USD 180 Million, with other projects financed by the Bank supporting the fisheries sector through (sub-) components.

The AfDB fishery and aquaculture portfolio also focuses on institutional strengthening (including capacity building), research and development, through regional organizations in order to ensure that decisions relating to the development of fisheries and aquaculture in Africa are based on sound scientific, social and economic information. These are all elements of the NEPAD Action Plan for the Development of African Fisheries and Aquaculture.

The African Development Bank's fisheries and aquaculture portfolio is currently one of the largest single source of finance to the fisheries sector in Africa. This situation has not changed since the last comprehensive report of the Secretary General on Sustainable fisheries in 2008.

Please accept the assurance of my consideration and highest esteem.



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