

Email received from DOALOS/OLA on 18 November 2016

Dear Irena and Ling,

We would like to follow-up on our previous conversation and submit the attached reports of the Secretary-General as background information towards the preparation of the Secretary-General Background Note mandated by resolution 70/303 on the modalities for the United Nations Conference to support implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

The reports are as follows:

- A/65/69 of 29 March 2010 - with a focus on capacity-building needs of States in marine science and other areas of ocean affairs and the law of the sea and reviews current capacity-building activities and initiatives in those areas.
- A/66/70/Add.1 of 11 April 2011- A contribution to the Rio+20 Conference on progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development and addressing new and emerging challenges
- A/67/79 of 4 April 2012 focusing on marine renewable energies
- A/68/71 of 8 April 2013 on the impacts of ocean acidification on the marine environment
- A/69/71 of 21 March 2014 on the role of seafood in food security;
- A/70/74 of 30 March 2015 on the theme entitled "Oceans and sustainable development: integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, namely, environmental, social and economic"; and
- A/71/74 of 22 March 2016 on "Marine debris, plastics and microplastics"

With regard specifically to fisheries issues, these reports are:

- A/66/307 of 15 August 2011 on "Actions taken by States and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements in response to paragraphs 80 and 83 to 87 of General Assembly resolution 61/105 and paragraphs 113 to 117 and 119 to 127 of General Assembly resolution 64/72 on sustainable fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks"
- A/71/351 of 22 August 2016 also on "Actions taken by States and regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements in response to paragraphs 113, 117 and 119 to 124 of General Assembly resolution 64/72 and paragraphs 121, 126, 129, 130 and 132 to 134 of General Assembly resolution 66/68 on sustainable fisheries, addressing the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks"

The above reports are available in all official languages on the Division website at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/general_assembly/general_assembly_reports.htm

In addition, as it is voluminous, we would like to provide you with the link to the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment (First World Ocean Assessment) available at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/global_reporting/WOA_RegProcess.htm.

We hope the above is useful,

Best regards,

Alice