

From: Markus Pallek/NY/UNO
To: Adriana De La Espriella/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Date: 15/10/2014 12:04 AM
Subject: Re: letter from PM of Somalia

Dear Adriana,

Further to previous, I wish to inform you that the Legal Counsel sees no need to respond to the letter from the GOC. We have all taken note of it and that's it. This closes the matter.

Best wishes,
Markus

From: Adriana De La Espriella/NY/UNO
To: Markus Pallek/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Date: 10/10/2014 12:13 PM
Subject: Re: letter from PM of Somalia

Dear Markus,

Many thanks for this.

If possible, it would be useful if you send us as well the copy of the reply to the Global Ocean Commission, once it is signed by the Legal Counsel, so that we can close the task from here.

Thanks!
Adriana

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To: Adriana De La Espriella/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Date: 10/10/2014 11:21 AM
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Dear Adriana,

Here's #1 - good thing you reminded us of that. Our DOALOS did this without keeping OUSG in the loop. This is why I did not remember it because I had not seen it. The other matter is with the Legal Counsel for sign-off.

Best wishes,
Markus



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Letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

21 September 2014

Dear Secretary-General,

We know that you are personally committed to ocean health and protection.

We do not need to remind you that the ocean supplies the oxygen in every second breath we take, or that billions of us rely on it for food, fresh water, energy, transport and medicine, or that it covers 70% of the Earth's surface and supports all life on Earth.

And as valuable resources such as medicines will increasingly come from the deep sea in the future, we are sure you agree we must ensure marine resources are protected and managed responsibly and fairly, and that we all benefit, including future generations.

Three billion people rely on the ocean for their livelihoods. Marine and coastal resources are worth US\$3 trillion a year – around 5% of the world's GDP – and worldwide, 350 million jobs are linked to the ocean while 97% of fishers live in developing countries.

Scientists are telling us that we are pushing our ocean system to the point of collapse, and without proper governance, we are putting food security, global prosperity, and our own health and livelihoods at risk.

We understand that the UN General Assembly is to take a decision on whether to negotiate a new agreement on high seas protection at its session starting on September 24, 2014.

We support the many States that have already called for the adoption of an implementing agreement under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea that supports the restoration of ocean productivity, guards against irresponsible exploitation, prioritises ocean health, enhances equitable sharing of benefits, and allows for the creation of marine protected areas on the high seas to replenish fish stocks.

In your opening address to world leaders at the General Assembly in September, please add our voice to those of millions of others who want to empower you and the members of the United Nations to open negotiations for the sustainable use and conservation of the high seas.

It's time we took proper care of our ocean. Please call for a new agreement for high seas protection and ocean health.

Sincerely,

259,730 citizens of 111 countries