



Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South

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Dear Ms. O'Brien,

Thank you very much for your letter of 10th December 2008 (Ref: LOS/ICP/2009) concerning UN's work on the "Ocean and the law of the sea".

The annex to the above letter giving brief outlines of the various topics of focus during the past 9 meetings of the consultative process indicates several areas of discussion which shows a link and possible impact upon the socio-economic development, particularly in the less advanced countries of the world. In this context, the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) would be interested to take due note of the final outcome of the consultative process and make use of its relevant recommendations for the benefit of its 21 developing member states. At this point in time COMSATS envisages a clear impact in the domain of fisheries, pollution of the seas and the employment opportunities related to fisheries industry existing on the coastal areas around the world. We shall be grateful if your office would keep us informed about the further developments in this important UN venture.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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