

Dear Mr. Mikulka,

Reference is made to the letter of Ms. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, requesting UNIDO's contribution on the impact of the Consultative Process on our work as well as on major developments relating to the implementation of the outcomes of the Consultative Process at its nine meetings.

In this connection, we would like to inform you that UNIDO is implementing a number of projects related to Large Marine Ecosystems and International Waters.

The results of the meetings of the Consultative Process on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea are being used in our ongoing implementation of the projects as well as in pipeline preparation.

The importance of the Consultative Process is acknowledged particularly as it strives to identify the areas where coordination and cooperation at the intergovernmental and inter-agency levels should be enhanced to find sustainable solutions for the protection and management of the environment.

Yours sincerely,

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