



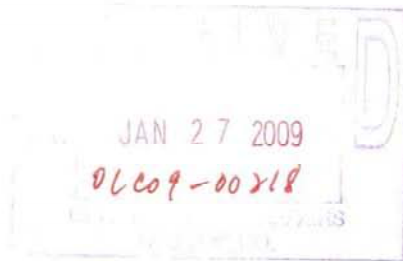
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Dear Ms. O'Brien,

Thank you for your letter dated 10 December 2008, in which you asked for a contribution with an impact on the work of the Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of Sea, as well as on any major developments relating to the implementation of the outcomes of the Consultative Process at its first nine meetings.

In accordance with your request, please find attached the "Global Container Analysis Report 2007", published under the UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme.

In 2003 the UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme was developed jointly by UNODC and WCO for the purpose of assisting Governments to create sustainable enforcement structures in selected sea ports. Being aware that maritime containers form an integral part of the international trade supply chain, the overall goal of the programme is to minimize the risk of maritime containers being exploited and used for illicit drug trafficking, transnational organised crime and other forms of black-market activity. It also creates new tools and mechanisms for the collection, sharing and analysis of information on container crime.

For any further consultation on this matter you may wish to contact Mr. Ulrich Meiser, Technical Officer. Mr. Meiser can be reached by phone (+32-2-209-9324), fax (+32-2-209-9493) and E-mail: ulrich.meiser@wcoomd.org.

I very much appreciate the efforts being undertaken by the United Nations in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

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