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Dear Mr. Mikulka,

With reference to letter no. LOS/ICP/2009 of 10 December 2008, the WTO has no specific contribution to offer regarding the implementation of the relevant elements of UN resolution A/63/L.42. However, I should inform you that in the WTO negotiations on fisheries subsidies, participants are continuing to explore, pursuant to the 2005 Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration, how to strengthen disciplines on subsidies in the fisheries sector including through the prohibition of certain forms of fisheries subsidies that contribute to overcapacity and over-fishing.

I trust this information suffices. Please do not hesitate to contact my office in case of further enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

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