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Thank you for your letter of 12 April 2004 addressed to Secretary-General Donald Johnston asking for comments on a draft document concerning the establishment of a regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-environment aspects (GMA).

We are pleased to send you some information about OECD work that could be used in your regular reporting and assessment exercise. Unfortunately, we were not able to send you these comments before the 30 April 2004 deadline, as we only received your letter on 3 May. The OECD work that may be of use includes:

- i) A biennial publication of the OECD Committee for Fisheries on "Review of Fisheries in OECD Countries", which includes a socio-economic account of the state of the marine fishing sector in OECD countries.
- (ii) Substantive elements of the regular work programme of the OECD Committee for Fisheries which survey different aspects of fisheries management systems in OECD countries (current priority issues include: illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing; government financial transfers; the use of economic instruments in fisheries management).
- (iii) Systematic review of marine issues in OECD Environmental Performance Reviews, including examination of marine pollution originating from land, rivers and seas; prevention and mitigation of spills; management of marine resources (fisheries and others); and implementation of international commitments.

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For further information on Fisheries, we invite you to contact our colleague Carl-Christian Schmidt, Head of Fisheries Division, Directorate for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries (Tel: +33 1 45 24 95 60 - Email: carl-christian.schmidt@oecd.org), and for more information on Environmental Performance Reviews, our colleague Christian Avérous, Head of Environmental Performance and Information Division, Environment Directorate (Tel: +33 1 45 24 98 19 - email: Christian.averous@oecd.org).

We hope you will find this contribution useful and look forward to hearing more about your reporting and assessment exercise.

Yours sincerely,

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