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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations (DOALOS) and has the honour to refer to the communication of the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socio-economic Aspects, seeking views of the Member States and Observers on the lessons learned from the First Cycle of the Regular Process.

In this regard it may be recalled that the Report of the Eighth Workshop held under the auspices of the United Nations, in support of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, at Chennai in India on 27-28 January 2014 is available as UN Document A/68/812 dated 27 March 2014. The following are the action points and recommendations of the Workshop:

- a) Improve communications among various States in the region, also involving regional organizations;
- b) Interact with individuals from Member States through organization/questionnaire;
- c) Promote the establishment of a coordination mechanism for the conduct of assessments in areas beyond national jurisdiction with the participation of the Indian Ocean Rim countries;
- d) The template with inventory of assessments to be sent to all the participants and Member States of the region for updating;
- e) Data provided under various groups must be authenticated, especially, water quality data of the Coastal Ocean Monitoring and Protection System programme should be subjected to quality check;
- f) Summary of the report containing results and conclusions in accordance with the Guidelines (for workshops) to be submitted by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India to the DOALOS.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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