

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and makes reference to its request of comments or observations on the first cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the States of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

To this respect we refer to the following comments of the Government of Mexico that give answer to the said request, which have been elaborated by the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources

Mexico coincide with the importance of the Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, as it has promoted diverse projects and initiatives, as the Great Marine Ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico, the Ecological Marine Systems, the National Policy for the Sustainable Development of Seas and Coasts, among others.

In this sense, Mexico considers of special relevance the recommendations contained in the report on the need of linking the scientific work with the formulation and instrumentation of public politics. For this reason, the Government of Mexico supports the recommendations of the report relative to the incorporation of public authorities to the evaluation, to work in a coordinate manner with the working groups and the group of experts (see link), and so to secure the incorporation of the results of the evaluation of the instruments of national marine policy.

Finally, the report does not mention other international initiatives that also are oriented to the elaboration of data on the global marine state, for example, the ocean health index, which could be considered by the working group of the Regular Process.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations takes this opportunity to reiterate to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.

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