



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 December 2009

Excellency,

I wish to refer to the appointment of the two co-chairpersons of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, in accordance with paragraph 127 of General Assembly resolution 63/111 of 5 December 2008.

In that regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed His Excellency Mr. Palitha T.B. Kohona, Permanent Representative of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Madam. Liesbeth Lijnzaad, Legal Adviser and Head, International Law Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands, as co-chairpersons of the third meeting of the Working Group, which is scheduled to take place in New York from 1 to 5 February 2010.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Abdussalam Treki'.

Ali Abdussalam Treki

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and Permanent Observers to the
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