

22 May 2015

Excellency,

Resolution 69/245 of the General Assembly on Oceans and the Law of the Sea calls for the convening of the sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly (the "Working Group") on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, from 8 to 11 September 2015.

I am pleased to inform you that the Co-Chairs of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group, Mr. João Madureira (Portugal) and Ms. Fernanda Millicay (Argentina), who were appointed by my predecessor, have expressed readiness to continue to serve in that capacity for the meeting of the Working Group in September 2015.

It is my intention to re-appoint them to undertake this important task during this session.

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

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