



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly resolution 63/111 on oceans and the law of the sea adopted on 5 December 2008. In particular, I wish to draw your attention to paragraphs 160 to 162 of that resolution by which the General Assembly decided to extend for an additional period of two years the mandate of the Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (Consultative Process), established in conformity with General Assembly resolution 54/33. The eleventh meeting of the Consultative Process is scheduled to be held from 21 to 25 June 2010.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/33, paragraph 3 (e), I am required to hold consultations with Member States regarding the appointment of the two co-chairpersons for the meetings of the Consultative Process, taking into account the need for representation from developed and developing countries. In the past, the President of the General Assembly has reappointed the same co-chairpersons for three consecutive years. This year, His Excellency Mr. Paul Badji of Senegal completed his second term and His Excellency Mr. Don MacKay of New Zealand completed his first term as co-chairperson. Therefore, in keeping with past practice, I invited Ambassadors Paul Badji and Don MacKay to serve as co-chairpersons of the eleventh meeting of the Consultative Process. I would like to thank both Ambassadors for accepting to serve another term.

Accordingly, I would be grateful if you could extend to the co-chairpersons your full cooperation and support to successfully achieve their task.

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

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