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Dear Mr. Banuri,

I wish to refer to your Note dated 8 June 2011, regarding General Assembly resolution 65/150 and the preparation of a comprehensive report for consideration at the 66<sup>th</sup> session on the protection of coral reefs for sustainable livelihoods and development.

In this connection, Thailand wishes to propose that the upcoming report of the Secretary-General incorporate recommendations on urgent measures to address immediate threats to coral reefs, especially chronic stressors such as overfishing and deteriorating water quality. Effective interventions to avert these two threats should significantly enhance the resiliency of the reefs in the face of climate change impacts. Moreover, the report of the Secretary-General should highlight the importance of national, regional and transboundary Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) networks. At present, an International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) East Asia Initiative on MPAs Network has been established and its strategies developed. Under the strategies, improving existing MPAs in terms of management effectiveness and capacity has been identified as a priority.

I hope these modest suggestions will be useful in the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General.

Yours sincerely,

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