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To:
Miguel de Serpa Soares
Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs
and United Nations Legal Counsel

Dear Mr. Serpa Soares,
On behalf of the Argentine-Uruguayan Comisión Técnica Mixta del Frente Marítimo (CTMFM-Joint Technical Commission of Maritime Front) I have the pleasure to inform that Division on
recent progress achieved by our Organization in relation with the implementation of some
specific provisions of the UNGA Resolution 73/124.
The CTMFM, the only standing regional fishery body in the SW Atlantic, is an
intergovernmental organization established for over 40 years with a mandate to promote the
conservation, preservation and adopt measures for the rational exploitation of live resources
and the protection of the marine environment in waters of mutual interest for Argentina and
Uruguay. In exercise of the regulatory powers conferred to the organization, the CTMFM
establishes science based management and conservation measures. In addition the
Commission sponsors scientific workshops, symposia and training courses as well as fishery
and oceanography surveys to monitor trends in abundance of commercial and non-commercial
species and conduct supplementary ecosystem studies.
With reference to paragraph 185 (Section IX, Marine Environment and Marine Resources) the
CTMFM, in compliance with Goal 14 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, has
adopted a set of management rules for the conservation and sustainable use of fishery
resources of the area. At present over 90% of the fishery resources caught in the Argentine-Uruguayan Common Fishing Zone (CFZ) are

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identification guides have been prepared to assist in the differentiation and classification of
the sharks and rays of the CFZ. These tools proved to be very useful in the task to exchange
and disseminate knowledge with fishermen and raise community awareness in relation with
the conservation and sustainable used of these species.
In relation to the support given by the CTMFM to the conservation of biodiversity and, in
particular, in the field of marine taxonomy, we are also pleased to communicate the
publication of an annotated catalogue and bibliography of the crabs, shrimps and lobsters of
the SW Atlantic. Volume 26 of the CTMFM publication FRENTE MARITIMO includes color plates
illustrating 68 out of 211 species of decapod crustaceans listed for the area.
Finally, with reference to par. 335 (Section XIII, Regional Cooperation) the CTMFM informs of a
series of regional capacity building initiatives carried out through international cooperation in
2017 and 2018, in relation with the sustainable use of fish resources including methods to
evaluate a apply management strategies for data-limited fisheries.
This is, in brief, a summary of the recent contributions of our organization to the
implementation of UNGA Resolution 73/124,
Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Roberto García Moritán
 President of the CTMFM