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Mr. Gergorio Tomassone
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Mr. Director,

Re: Input into update of UNCLOS

The informal Working Group of States Parties decided that its current work activities are informal working group to continue consideration of the issues related to the Commission...

The Informal Working Group met on six (6) occasions to review issues related to the work of the Commission. The group's agenda was discussed and approved at its first meeting this year. However, in response to the invitation for a session in 2010, the Informal Working Group requests the Secretary-General to consider its comments on these issues in the context of the update of the Commission's mandate.

The Informal Working Group commends the Commission on its continuing progress on matters relating to its mandate. It is gratified that its members of the Commission have participated and contributed constructively in their personal capacities to the functioning of the Informal Working Group.

The Informal Working Group submits its comments in accordance with paragraph 6 of UNCTAD resolution CAN/4 for consideration by the Secretary-General in the process of the Commission's annual update of the mandate of the Commission. The Commission's mandate will be updated and continued in the context of the Informal Working Group's mandate.

In an informed manner.

The Informal Working Group expresses its ongoing appreciation to the Secretary General and his staff for their assistance and wishes to emphasize in particular the assistance provided by the Division of Operations and Support Services of Legal Affairs.

The comments which aim to reflect proposals submitted to the Informal Working Group can be grouped into the following categories¹

Systemic measures:

- increased number of sessions;
- increased length of sessions;
- full-time sitting of the Commission;
- increased number of Subcommittees;
- forward planning by the Commission;
- achieving consistency in its technical issues and procedural matters by and between Subcommittees.

Support measures:

- increased technical support;
- increased secretariat support;
- increased support from outside expertise;
- more efficient interaction with participating States;
- assistance from other bodies.

Financing options:

- States honoring their obligation under article 5, paragraph 7, of the Convention;
- solutions to be found from existing resources;
- strengthening the existing Trust Fund, including by increasing its volume of Reference;
- creating a new Trust Fund;
- assessing contributions from all States Parties and
- regular UN budget.



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¹ The inclusion of proposals submitted to the Informal Working Group in this document is without prejudice to the position of individuals and States.