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On 10 and 11 December 2012, the General Assembly will commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the "Convention") in a plenary meeting.

On that occasion, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, intends to present each participant with a small commemorative publication containing personal reflections of those who participated in the negotiations which led to the adoption of the Convention in 1982 as well as those who have worked in the areas closely related to the Convention in the years following the adoption.

Knowing of the involvement of your State in the development of the Convention, we would like to invite one (or two) of your delegates to the meetings of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, or someone who has been or is now closely working in the law of the sea to send us their thoughts, memories of the meetings, reflections, ideas about the future of the Convention and celebratory remarks on the occasion of the  $30^{th}$  anniversary, in the form of a letter of 400-800 words (up to two pages), preferably in English or French, or if not possible, in any of the other official UN languages, prior to 1 March 2012.

For ease of reference, please find attached herewith the non-exhaustive list of personalities who were remembered at the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary.

The letter may be sent on paper to the address below or by email to doalos@un.org; rosenboom@un.org.:

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Ms. Rosenboom may also be contacted, should there be any questions.



Provided that sufficient submissions have been received, these would be bundled in a publication. We would send a copy of

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