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Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations Secretariat of the Convention on the Law of the Sea

YOUR REF:

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RE: RESPONSE FROM SEAFO on main recent developments in oceans and the law of the sea for the period September 2021 to August 2022 and highlight how the General Assembly resolution 76/72 has been implemented by the United Nations System.

Dear DOALOS

I acknowledged receipt of your said request. Below please find SEAFO response regarding ongoing assessments in the SEAFO Convention Area regarding the said.

It is suggested that the contribution of your organization should focus on activities, including adoption of measures, development of programmes, etc. that have been undertaken or are ongoing in the implementation of specific provisions of General Assembly resolution 76/72 relevant to your organization. In addition, the main developments in your organization in the field of ocean affairs and the law of sea that have occurred since the last reporting period should be highlighted, namely since 31 August 2021."

277. Also recalls that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has developed guidance for the identification of vulnerable marine ecosystems through the International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-Sea Fisheries in the High Seas, and notes its ongoing work to support application of the Guidelines by States and to maintain a database of vulnerable marine ecosystems;

SEAFO take note of the development of the identification guide for VMEs by the



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FAO and are always collaborating with FAO staff in order to keep the SEAFO identification list updated and synchronised with the FAO list.

There are no other matters from resolution 76/72 which SEAFO would like to report on since August 2021.

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