

Further to the letter (your ref. LOS/SGR/2014) by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, Mr Miguel de Serpa Soares, asking the Council of Europe to contribute to the establishment of a report which will be examined by the 15th meeting of the Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea in March 2014 on the topic “The role of seafood in global food security”, please find herewith the contribution of the Council of Europe regarding the relevant activities of our Organisation in this field.

1. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)

In 2009, the **PACE** adopted **Resolution 1169 (2009)** and **Recommendation 1888 (2009)** on “**Towards a new ocean governance**” (links attached below), expressing concern over the deterioration of marine environment, in particular the decline of biodiversity and of certain fish species and the intensifying ocean acidification (against the background of ongoing climate change/ocean absorption of CO₂)

increase quantities and affordability of food available and would alleviate the burden on the environment.

- A related section on "Environmental limits to growth?" correlates population growth to

