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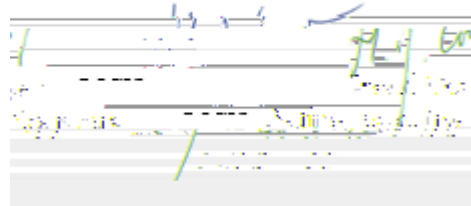
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Reference is made to the letter from Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, dated 18 December 2023, inviting the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to provide input to the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 78/69 on developments and issues relating to Oceans and the Law of the Sea, V SHFLILFDOO\ RQ WKH WKHPH 37KH R, WHD QIL DEVDU R XUFH R of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its twenty-fourth meeting.

Appended herewith is the contribution of the CBD Secretariat regarding activities relevant to the above-mentioned theme.

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea is invited to post the full text of this contribution on its website.

Yours sincerely,



Attachment



Annex

Information on work under the Convention on Biological Diversity relating to
the ocean as a source of sustainable food

9. The crucial linkages between biodiversity and human health have gained significant prominence in discussions under the CBD in recent years, including in the context of the One Health approach. The Conference of the Parties stressed the importance of this issue in the KMGBF, as follows:

³The Framework acknowledges the interlinkages between biodiversity and health and the three objectives of the Convention. The Framework is to be implemented with consideration of the One Health Approach, among other holistic approaches that are based on science, mobilize multiple sectors, disciplines and communities to work together, and aim to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals, plants and ecosystems, recognizing the need for equitable access to tools and technologies including medicines, vaccines and other health products related to biodiversity, while highlighting the urgent need to reduce pressures on biodiversity and decrease environmental degradation to reduce risks to health, and, as appropriate, develop practical access and benefit sharing mechanisms.