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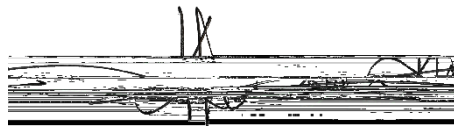
Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to my letter dated 6 September 2023, in which I proposed for adoption by the nineteenth meeting (by correspondence) of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the Regular Process) the recommendations to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly as contained in Annex II to that letter. The proposal to adopt the recommendations was subjected to a silence procedure until 5:00 p.m. (New York time) on Monday, 18 September 2023, during which time one delegation objected to a reference contained in one paragraph of the draft recommendations.

I wish to inform you that in my capacity as the Co-Chair, I have convened a meeting of the Bureau on 29 September to discuss the way forward. The Bureau decided to submit the draft recommendations with the said reference placed in brackets to the Coordinator of the informal consultations of the draft resolution on Oceans and the law of the sea, as contained in the Annex attached hereto.

With this, I declare closed the nineteenth meeting (by correspondence) of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Kimberly Louis

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**Annex**

**Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly**

**The Nineteenth Meeting (by correspondence)**

**Recommendations to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly**

The Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole recommends that the General Assembly:

Welcomes the designation by States of national focal points, and invites States that have not yet done so to designate national focal points to facilitate the implementation of the programme of work for the third cycle of the Regular Process and beyond;

Also welcomes the designation of focal points for relevant intergovernmental organizations, and invites the secretariats of relevant United Nations specialized agencies, programmes, funds and bodies and the secretariats of related organizations and conventions that have not yet done so to designate focal points to facilitate the