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Attention: Ms Sonia Gautreau (sonia.gautreau@cbd.int)

Dear Dr Djoghlaif,

**Voluntary Report on Marine and Biological Diversity
(CBD Ref. SCBD/STTM/JM/JL/JG64491)**

Thank you very much for your letter of 29 July 2008 in the above regard.

The work carried out by 25-nation Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) has long focused on the conservation principles outlined in Article II of the CAMLR Convention. Although, both the Convention and Commission predate many of the international initiatives outlined in the annex to your letter, CCAMLR strives to implement a precautionary and ecosystem-based approach for the species, and area, for which it is responsible. In this regard, particularly noteworthy achievements include a 25-year program to monitor key species in, as well as abiotic features of, the Antarctic marine ecosystem, the development of strategies to identify/manage vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs) in the deep ocean, precautionary-base development of key fisheries and objective bioregionalisation of the CAMLR Convention Area to underpin identification of representative marine protected areas (MPAs). Recent developments have been closely aligned with key provisions of UNGA Resolutions 61/105, 62/177 and 62/215.

To the above extent, the information requested in the annex to your letter does not really apply in CCAMLR's case since the Commission is not directly pursuing its program of work in the context of either the *Millennium Goals* or the *Johannesburg Plan of Implementation on Sustainable Development*. For this reason, the above general information is provided and CCAMLR will not submit a report based on full completion of the aforementioned annex.

Yours sincerely,

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