Dear Sir/Madam,

By means of this letter I am pleased to inform you that in response to your request presented in Resolution EC-XLI.2 “to take the appropriate steps to implement the IOC plan of actions for the 50th anniversary...” I invited Dr I. Oliounine, former IOC Deputy Executive Secretary and Coordinator of the 1998 International Year of the Ocean, as a part time consultant to be in charge of coordination and monitoring the implementation of the action plan.

Many of you know him for his past work and I am sure you will be cooperative and help him implementing his responsibilities.

His email address is i.oliounine@unesco.org, his phone number 33.1.45.68.39.06.

Looking for your cooperation and support,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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