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Subject: Information related to the UN General Assembly Resolution, 74/18 of 10 December 2019 on “Sustainable Fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of the Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks and related Instruments”.

Excellency,

On behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), I would like to inform you that, The Kingdom of Cambodia ratified the UNFSA on 18 January 2020, and MAFF is processing the depository of the document to the UN. The Kingdom of Cambodia still has not yet ratified the UNCLOS.

In May 2015, The Kingdom of Cambodia terminated the registration programme on the flag state and ever since, there have been no fishing vessels or fishing vessels related activities, flying the Cambodian flag, operating in the high sea. The Kingdom of Cambodia intends to re-open the flag state registration programme again in the future, after all the necessary documents to support and manage the operation of flagged vessels in the high seas, have been completed. The Kingdom of Cambodia is not yet a member of any RFMOs, that monitor, facilitate and manage high seas fisheries.

The Kingdom of Cambodia ratified the PSMA on 25 July 2019, and officially becomes a party of PSMA from 11 November 2019. The Kingdom of Cambodia is also in the process of reviewing and ratifying the National Fisheries Law, to meet the minimum requirements of Regional and International Laws and Regulations. In addition, MAFF is preparing the Sub-Decree on Marine Fisheries Management and Distant Water Fishing, that will be finalized in 2021.

On the other hand, the Cambodia’s marine fishing areas, in the Gulf of Thailand, have a maximum water depth of less than 80 meter, so there are no deep sea areas in marine waters of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Despite this, the Kingdom of Cambodia used to participate as an observer in the Deep Sea Management Programme, initiated by South-East Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC),

As a coastal state, the Kingdom of Cambodia has prepared the National Plan of Action to Combat IUU Fishing 2020-2024 (NPOA-IUU, 2020-2024) and the National Plan of Control and Inspection of Marine Fisheries (NPCI-MF, 2020-2024), which are expected to be approved and implemented from the 2nd quarter of 2020.

I hope that, in the future, when the Kingdom of Cambodia becomes a party of UNFSA, we will actively participate in all activities and meeting related to the UNFSA, at the regional and international level. I would therefore, suggest that the technical and financial assistance from the UN and concerned development partners should be considered to assist the Kingdom of Cambodia to effectively implement the mentioned agreement.

Sincerely yours,



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