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Letter dated 16 February 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

My Brazilian colleague and I have the honour to transmit to you the report of the Second London Oceans Workshop, which was hosted jointly by the Governments of Brazil and the United Kingdom from 10 to 12 December 1998 (see annex).

The Workshop was held as a contribution to the preparatory work for this year's consideration of the oceans and seas by the Commission on Sustainable Development. Its main theme was how to develop an integrated approach to the management of the oceans. It identified a number of existing and potential problems for the conservation and sustainable management of oceans and suggested action which could be taken to address them.

The Workshop was chaired jointly by Laudo Bernardes, Brazilian Deputy Minister of the Environment and Alan Meale, United Kingdom Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Environment. It was attended by representatives of 40 national Governments from all geographical regions, 14 intergovernmental organizations and 14 non-governmental organizations.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of this letter and the report of the Workshop circulated as a document of the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

(Signed) **Jeremy Greenstock**

