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**Letter dated 23 February 1999 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to refer to the regional Conference on Cooperation for Development and Protection of the Coastal and Marine Environment in Sub-Saharan Africa, which was hosted by the Government of South Africa, the Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea (ACOPS) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and held at Cape Town from 30 November to 4 December 1998. The conclusions and recommendations of this regional meeting are contained in the enclosed Cape Town Declaration.\*

I would appreciate it if you would arrange for the present letter and the Declaration annexed to it to be circulated as a document of the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group of the Commission on Sustainable Development and of the seventh session of the Commission.

(Signed) Pieter **Vermeulen**  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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