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A compilation of recent international statements, agreements and recommendations regarding ocean fertilization

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The following citation of the UN General Assembly resolution 62/215 concerning “Oceans and the law of the sea” should be added to the compilation provided in document LC 30/INF.4 under “extracts/key citations”:

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“The General Assembly.....

97. *Also welcomes* the decision of the twenty-ninth Consultative Meeting of Contracting parties to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (“the London Convention”) and the second Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the London Protocol, held from 5 to 9 November 2007, which endorsed the June 2007 “Statement of concern” of their Scientific Groups; recognized that it was within the purview of each State to consider proposals on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the London Convention and Protocol; urged States to use the utmost caution when considering proposals for large-scale ocean fertilization operations; and took the view that, given the present state of knowledge regarding ocean fertilization, such large-scale operations were currently not justified;

98. *Encourages* States to support the further study and enhance understanding of ocean iron fertilization;”

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