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REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS TO THE ASSEMBLY

Note by the Secretariat

On 17 June 1999, Mr. Hamdallah Zedan, Acting Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, submitted a letter to the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority requesting observer status to the Assembly of the Authority for the Secretariat. The text of the letter appears in the annex to the present note.

ANNEX

Letter dated 17 June 1999 from the Acting Executive Secretary
of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
addressed to the Secretary-General of the International
Seabed Authority

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity was pleased to receive copies of documentation for the upcoming session of the International Seabed Authority. Part XII of the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea has great significance for the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity. The Secretariat, therefore, has a fundamental and continuing interest in the implementation of this part of the Convention. In view of this, I would be grateful if you could take the necessary steps to accord observer status to the future meetings of the Authority to the Secretariat.

(Signed) Hamdallah ZEDAN
Acting Executive Secretary
