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#### Note verbale dated 5 March 1996 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The United States Mission to the United Nations has the honour to bring to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt a Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, held in Washington, D.C., from 23 October to 3 November 1995, the Washington Declaration on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities as well as the Programme of Action of the Conference. The United States was pleased to host this important intergovernmental conference which was attended by representatives from 109 countries. The United States considers the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities a major contribution to international efforts to implement the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in particular on oceans-related matters. In the light of the broad consensus reached at the meeting, the United States Mission to the United Nations respectfully requests the Secretary-General to circulate the text of the present letter together with the report of the Conference (annex I) and the Global Programme of Action (annex II) as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 24 of the preliminary list.

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