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Dr. José Graziano da Silva
Director-General
Food and Agricultural Organization
of the United Nations
Via delle Terme di Caracalla
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Dear Director-General Graziano:

I have the honor of forwarding to you a letter from U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry received electronically. No original signed letter will follow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Lane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David Lane
Ambassador

Enclosure:
As stated.

Dear Mr. Director-General:

Congratulations on your July 11 event marking the entry into force of the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.

This landmark Agreement is a momentous occasion. While I was unable to participate in this event, I am pleased that Ambassador David Balton was able to represent the United States to highlight our commitment to the fight against IUU fishing and the important role we see the Agreement playing in our global efforts to deter, detect and prevent IUU fishing.

We must now focus with renewed energy on the strong and effective implementation of the port state measures outlined in the Agreement. I assure you that the United States remains committed to supporting this effort.

I hope to see you in September at the Our Ocean Conference, where we will again celebrate this achievement.

Sincerely,

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John F. Kerry