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To the Executive Secretary of the South
Pacific Regional Fisheries Management
Organization - SPRFMO,
Mr. Robin Allen
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Date: **July 6, 2012**
Your letter dated: **August 3, 2011**
Subject: **Information on incident in 2011 with vessel Millennium in SPRFMO area**

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Our reference: Case no:
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Dear Mr. Robin Allen,

I refer to your letter of August 3, 2011 reference 0046-2011 addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Mr. Uri Rosenthal concerning the information received by your interim secretariat about the vessel Millennium flying the Curacao flag fishing in 2011 in the SPRFMO area in a manner that is different to the SPRFMO interim measures. I gladly like to inform you as follows.

First of all my sincere apology for this late response to your organization on above mentioned letter that reached my Ministry through an inquiry for information about your organization in June of this year.

In the second half of 2011 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand and the International Fishery Agency of Japan drew the attention of my Ministry on the above mentioned incident. Please be informed that the Government of Curacao is fully committed to fulfill its responsibility for the implementation, control and enforcement of conservations and management measures which must be complied with by vessels flagged to Curacao. This to ensure the full implementation of conservation and management measures.

I am pleased to inform you that since then Curaçao, according to the obligations stated under (art 94, 117 to 119 and 87.2) UNCLOS Convention, (art. 7 .5 ; 8.1 and 8.5) UNFSA Convention, has taken the necessary measures and requested the management company to instruct the vessel Millennium to stop immediately its fishing activities in the area covered by the convention on the conservation and management of High seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (SPRFMO) and to leave the area for further investigation. At this moment no fishing vessels flying the Curacao flag are having fishing activities in the area.

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This incident have been solved and the vessel is being closely monitored.

Please find attached for your information correspondence exchange with management of the vessel and abovementioned participant in your organization concerning this occurrence.

I hope to have informed you satisfactory and please receive my assurance that vessels flying the Curacao flag will be monitored closely by my Ministry.

Yours sincerely,



Vanessa Toré MBA
Secretary General a.i.

Annexes:

Copies of letters:

- 21-09-2011 Ocean Trust NV
- 21-09-2011 Min.Foreign Affairs New Zealand
- 13-10-2011 Min.Foreign Affairs New Zealand
- 17-10-2011 Fishery Agency Japan
- 18-10-2011 Min.Foreign Affairs New Zealand
- 2-11-2011 Fishery Agency Japan
- 27-10-2011 reaction from Min.Foreign Affairs New Zealand
- 7-11-2011 mail reaction Fishery Agency Japan

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