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Dear Sir,

**WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN
FISHERIES PROGRAMME (SWIOFP)**

The United Republic of Tanzania has been participating in the formulation of a regional Programme, the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Programme (SWIOFP), which will involve the South West Indian Ocean States of Comoros, Kenya, France, (Reunion & Mayote), Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa and Tanzania. The Programme is being developed to investigate the potential of the offshore fish resources in the South Western Indian Ocean; and will also develop and implement a sustainable offshore fisheries management strategy as well as building up institutional framework and capacity in the region.

The United Republic of Tanzania has an interest in the sustainable management of the offshore fisheries resources in her Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and therefore is willing to participate in the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Programme (SWIOFP).

Yours sincerely,

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