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Dear Mr. Seth,

This is in reference to your letter of 22 March 2013, in which you request the Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) to respond to a questionnaire on the issue of the environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea. The questionnaire is pursuant to General Assembly resolution A/RES/65/149, which *inter alia* invites the Secretary-General to seek the views of relevant regional and international organizations and to communicate such views to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session for further consideration.

I note that the above-referenced resolution originates in the Second Committee (Economic and Financial) of the General Assembly. As such, it does not fall within the purview of ODA, which derives its General Assembly mandate through the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security).

I should be grateful if your Office could kindly take note of the above, for the purposes of any future work in regard to this resolution.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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