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Protection and preservation of the marine environmentReport of the Secretary-GeneralCorrigendum1. Page 4, paragraph 2For the existing text substitute

2. The report consists of five sections. Section II gives an overview of the Convention as embodying a global framework of new **environmental** law, a mechanism **for accommodating** ocean uses and interests, a system **for** environmentally sound and sustainable development, an **instrument** promoting the development and transfer of marine science and **marine** technology within the context of the protection and preservation of the marine environment, and a model for **the** evolution of international environmental law. Section III presents an analytical summary of those provisions of **the** Convention which relate to the protection and preservation of the marine environment. Section IV contains a survey of multilateral treaties relevant to the provisions of the Convention in order to assess the extent to which **those** provisions have already been reflected **or** developed in the instruments adopted at the **global** and regional levels. Section V contains an assessment of the current state of the marine environment. On the basis of the survey and assessments made in sections IV and V, an attempt is made in section VI to identify major areas **on** which future actions should be focused.

2. Page 11, paragraph 37, third sentenceFor The third fundamental obligation of Statesread The fourth fundamental obligation of States

3. Page 27, paragraph 111

For the existing text substitute

113, The global yield of fisheries has continued **to** increase in the past decade, but **a combination of overfishing** and **stock** fluctuations due **to** natural **events** **has** led **to** the decline **of certain fisheries** and to greater instability in others. **Modern** technology, including the increasing use of indiscriminate fishing methods, has had a profound **effect** on both fish harvesting and living resource management and conservation. Fish can now **be** harvested to the limits of their **sustainable** yield with **a** relatively small **fleet of** well-equipped vessels. These developments **have** created a growing number **of** fish-stock management **and environmental** problems, particularly in **high seas**, and are a matter of **growing** concern to a number **of** coastal States . **The Tarawa Declaration, signed** by Heads **of Government** at the Twentieth South Pacific Forum, held on 10 and 11 July 1989 (see A/44/463, **annex**), reflects the impact of developments in the South Pacific region. With **respect to** drift-netting **in the North Pacific, the** United States **and Japan reached an** agreement on 23 June 1989, and an agreement between the United States and the Republic of **Korea** was concluded on 8 September 1989. **The** American Institute in Taiwan (representing United States **interests**) reached a drift-net agreement with the authorities there **on** 25 August 1989.

4. Page 30, paragraph 129, third sentence

The sentence should read

It may, **therefore**, be useful to study the possibility of establishing specific guidelines to prevent, reduce and control pollution **from** such operations.
