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**Letter dated 15 January 2002 from the Permanent Representative
of Samoa to the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the
Ministry for the Environment of Iceland addressed to the
Secretary-General**

We have the honour to draw your attention to the first Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (Montreal, Canada, 26-30 November 2001), which was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme and hosted by the Government of Canada.

The Global Programme of Action was adopted by 109 States and the European Commission in Washington in 1995 in response to a call for global action on marine pollution from land-based activities contained in chapter 17 of Agenda 21.

On behalf of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Meeting (Iceland, Jamaica, the Russian Federation, Samoa and South Africa, and the United States acting as the chair of the Montreal Declaration Drafting Committee), we would like to request that the attached documents (see annex) which reflect the outcome of the meeting, be circulated to the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development for consideration at its second session.

The documents are being circulated in English only but will be available later in all official languages as document UNEP/GPA/IGR.1/9.

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Annex

Outcomes of the first Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (Montreal, Canada, 26-30 November 2001)*

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* The outcomes are included in the official meeting report, which will soon be available from the GPA Clearing House Mechanism at <http://www.gpa.unep.org/>.