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**Letter dated 6 November 2001 from the Permanent  
Representative of Iceland to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to draw your attention to the recent Reykjavík Conference on Responsible Fisheries in the Marine Ecosystem, which was held in Reykjavík from 1 to 4 October 2001 (see annex). The Conference was jointly organized by the Government of Iceland and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) with the co-sponsorship of the Government of Norway.

The Conference adopted the Reykjavík Declaration on Responsible Fisheries in the Marine Ecosystem. In the Declaration, the Government of Iceland is requested to convey the Declaration to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Director-General of FAO, the Chairman of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which is to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in September 2002, and to relevant fisheries management organizations for their consideration.

It is my Government's belief that the Declaration is an important contribution by fisheries nations to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and I kindly ask that you circulate it as a document of the General Assembly in the preparatory process of the World Summit. The text of the Declaration is enclosed in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish.

(Signed) Thorsteinn **Ingólfsson**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 6 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Reykjavik Declaration on Responsible Fisheries in the Marine Ecosystem**

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