



**MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES
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South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
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Dear sir,

I address you with reference to your letter of the 16th January, wherein together with the new revision of the draft text (SP/05/WP1) you attach two informal papers (Annex A and Annex B).

Peru welcomes the distribution of the newly revised text and hopes that it will contribute to advance further on our negotiations to establish an effective Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO) for the high seas of the south Pacific. Consequently, Peru underscores that its participation in this negotiation process responds to its interest to preserve south Pacific's high seas fishery resources, in the understanding that the scope of application of the RFMO shall not include waters under national jurisdiction, as agreed in the First International Meeting (paragraph 6 (i) of the meeting report).

Finally, I would respectfully suggest concentrating our discussion only on the SP/05/WP1 (Revision 3) draft text, since the informal papers annexed to your letter -in particular Annex B- may hinder the path to consensus. We are willing to talk over this issue at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

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to the 5th International Meeting