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Dear Dr. Larigauderie,

I wish to refer to notification EM/2021/33, dated 22 November 2021, in which the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services invited all stakeholder organizations involved or interested in becoming involved in its work, to nominate an official focal point.

In this regard, I wish to inform you that I have designated as focal points the following officers from my Office:

- FOCAL POINT: Mr. Dmitry Gonchar, Principal Legal Officer ([gonchar@un.org](mailto:gonchar@un.org));
- ALTERNATE: Mr. Marco Boccia, Programme Officer ([marco.boccia@un.org](mailto:marco.boccia@un.org));  
both from the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

I look forward to continued cooperation between my Office and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

Yours sincerely,



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Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs  
and United Nations Legal Counsel

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