

Lisbon, 18<sup>th</sup> March 1998

From: Prof. Ben Sari

Dear colleague,

I received from the secretariat of our Commission copy of the letter of your resignation which I considered a painful break.

You are an inspiring and generous spring of our Commission.

I learned a lot from your writings, contributions and experience. Your strong and generous ideas were reconforting.

I personally served loyally our Commission putting my knowledge, my conscience and my "southern sensivity" to the service of our cause and our endeavour.

I learned from President Mário Soares, who honors me with his trust, the political implications of the ideas and the sense of compromise without compromission. Obviously, the collective work can never correspond to the individual ideas of every member.

It is the sense of my "battles" principally at Cap Town with my colleagues from the "North" about the questions of security, denuclearization/demilitarization of the seas, common heritage of mankind, overfishing, etc ... for the benefits for developing countries of ocean space management and consequently againts the "Northern" orientation of the work of the Commission.

Now, that the real reasons of the secretary general's resignation are clarified, I hope you can reconsider your decision therefore preserving the atmosphere that prevails in our Commission and sharing in the achievement and success of its objectives.

Please accept my warmest regards and my hight consideration.

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