[Communication received by email]

[11 October 2021]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing further to the attached letter from Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, and which was sent at the request of the International Law Commission regarding its study on the topic "Sea-level rise in relation to international law".

In this connection, kindly note that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) does not directly deal with rising sea levels and did not adopt any measures or undertake any action that would directly relate to the protection of persons affected by rising sea levels.

[Signed]

