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Dear Marcos dear Sara,

We received through office registry a reply from the Russian Federation to IMO questionnaire. I attach it (in Russian), below I will post also a translation. But the basic idea is they say that examination of IMO is outside the scope of the mandate.

### translation

In response to a request from the Special Rapporteur on (...)... the Russian Federation wishes to inform the following. In accordance with the Code of Conduct for mandate holders approved by UN Human Rights Council resolution 5/2, they must carry out their functions with strict observance of their mandates and ensure that recommendations do not go beyond their competences and the competences of the HRC.

The mandate of the Special Rapporteur was approved in 1995 by the UN Human Rights Commission to study the (...) (resolution 1995/81) and subsequently was repeatedly extended by HRC resolutions.

As noted on the OHCHR website, the mandate's realm applies to studying such issues as the operation of enterprises of the extractive industry, conditions of labor in manufacturing and agriculture, production of consumer goods, emissions of hazardous substances into

the environment, the consequences of military activities and armed conflicts; and hazardous waste disposal.

At the same time, neither the resolutions of the UN Commission on Human Rights, nor the documents of the HRC do not contain any

references to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to analyse the functioning of international organizations and, moreover,

formulation of any recommendations to them.

According to the Russian Federation, the announced topic of the future research, namely the analysis of the effectiveness of the IMO, goes well beyond the authority of the SR. IMO is a highly specialized organization and for an objective assessment of the effectiveness of its activities, it is necessary to have rich practical experience and extensive knowledge in relevant areas of activity.

In this regard, the Russian Federation calls on the SR in his future activities to avoid intrusion into competences of other international structures and strictly follow the mandate entrusted to him.