President Golitsyn briefed the Secretary-General on the judicial work of the Tribunal and highlighted the special role played by the Tribunal in the dispute settlement system established under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. He also underlined the importance of providing States with information on the mechanisms for the settlement of disputes under the Convention and referred in this respect to the regional workshops organized by the Tribunal.

Secretary-General Ban acknowledged the contribution being made by the Tribunal to the peaceful settlement of law of the sea-related disputes and assured the President of the continued support of the United Nations for the work of the Tribunal.

The President extended an invitation to the Secretary-General to visit the Tribunal at a time convenient for him.

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