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Dear Zac

**Follow-up to the International Relations and Defence Committee report,
*UNCLOS: the law of the sea in the 21st century***

Thank you for your letter of 5 May, providing the Committee with an update on some of the matters addressed in its report, *UNCLOS: the law of the sea in the 21st century*.¹

The Committee was very pleased to hear that the report has been of interest to international partners and that you have been discussing our recommendations with them. It also welcomes your progress report on the IMO accepting the Convention on Conditions for Registration of Ships as an IMO Convention. This is an area of ongoing interest to the Committee and we would be grateful if you could continue to provide updates on this issue at six-monthly intervals.

Thank you!
Yours ever

Henry

The Rt Hon Lord Ashton of Hyde
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¹ <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/9005/documents/159002/default/>