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*Dear Ron,*

We appreciate that Oceanites' work continues on the Antarctic Site Inventory, MAPPPD, and the Climate Change Analysis. This will further advance Oceanites' long track record of assisting the entire Antarctic Treaty system, particularly in helping to ensure that policies that are adopted are based on the best available scientific data, analysis, and information.

We were pleased that the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) submitted Oceanites' annual report to the Committee on Environmental Protection at the recent Antarctic Treaty Meeting in Beijing. This enabled us to put on record our support for Oceanites work and our commitment to continuing to do so.

Due to Oceanites being an independent and objective research and scientific organisation, support from the public and from Antarctic stakeholders is essential. We look forward, as do the other Treaty Parties, to working with you and Oceanites in years to come.

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