Re: Letter of support for AIDA’s request for ICRI membership

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To whom it may concern,

The Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA) has expressed interest in becoming a member of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) so it can work more closely with countries involved in the management of coral reefs in the Americas.

I am pleased to support AIDA’s application for membership to the ICRI on the understanding that Mexico’s obligations depend on the particular conditions and characteristics of each site, the legal and operational framework, and agencies and institutions involved directly or indirectly in reef conservation.

AIDA has as a mission to strengthen people’s ability to guarantee their individual and collective right to a healthy environment through the development, implementation, and effective enforcement of national and international law.

To protect the unique Cabo Pulmo Reef in the Sea of Cortez, AIDA has submitted comments on proposed laws and regulations in Mexico and made submissions to such authorities as Ramsar, UNESCO, and the NAFTA Commission on Environmental Cooperation (CEC). It also has done studies on the enforcement chain at marine reserves and on Mexico’s obligations under international law.

AIDA’s work seeks to advance the safeguards for coral reefs in Mexico and Central America, which meets the ICRI’s criteria. Because of its expertise in international law, AIDA will become a key stakeholder while cooperating, collaborating and advocating within the international arena.

I look forward to collaborating with AIDA on raising awareness at all levels on the plight of coral reefs in Mexico.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Gómez
Regional Director of the Yucatan Peninsula and the Mexican National Commission on Protected Areas
Mexico’s Representative to the ICRI

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