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I refer to your email below and attach a joint witness statement on ecology duly signed by Clinton Duffy. Apologies for the delay in sending this to you.

I also refer to your other email of 7 January 2019 asking for confirmation about Mr Duffy's position in relation to Schedule 6C. I understand you to be referring to the following paragraph where the green wording indicates that there was no agreement:

Biota will be identified to the lowest taxonomic level practical and enumerated, and named in a manner consistent with the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS - <http://www.marinespecies.org>). A reference collection will be maintained by the taxonomist and representative examples of each taxon will be deposited in a national or regional museum with specialist knowledge of and expertise in the curation of marine invertebrate collections.

The position is that, although the Director-General (and Mr Duffy) would wish to see representative examples of each taxon deposited as indicated and still does not understand the opposition to this proposal (which has minimal cost or effort), it is acknowledged that this suggestion was made during informal discussions without supporting evidence. As CRL does not accept this proposal, then the Director-General does not wish to pursue this matter further.

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