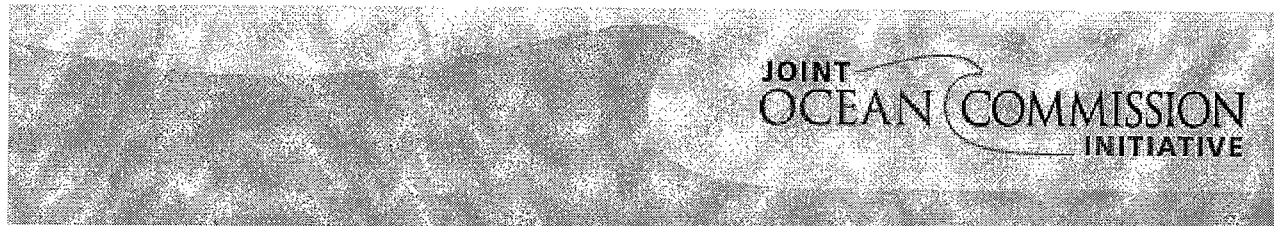


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**From:** Sara Suriani [ssuriani@merid.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2007 2:18 PM  
**To:** Wayne Swingle  
**Subject:** Adm. James D. Watkins and The Hon. Leon E. Panetta | United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea | Follow Up to June 26 Mailing  
**Attachments:** UNCLOS Support Letter June 2007.pdf; JCS UNCLOS Letter June 26 2007.pdf



On June 26 Admiral James D. Watkins and The Honorable Leon E. Panetta, Co-chairs of the bipartisan Joint Ocean Commission Initiative, sent a letter inviting over 175 American leaders in government, industry, academia, and the NGO community to sign a letter urging the Senate to provide its advice and consent for U.S. accession to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (attached).

You have received this email because we requested your signature on the Senate letter. If you have already sent your signature by mail, we thank you for your support of this important effort. If not, **we have extended our deadline for receipt of signatures to COB Thursday, July 12.** If you have not yet responded, there is still time to do so. If you would like to be a signatory to the letter, please send us a copy of your signature by any of the following means:

1. An original signature by overnight service to Laura Cantral, Meridian Institute, 1920 L Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036, tel: 202.354.6444
2. An original signature by courier to the address above if you are located in the Washington, DC area.
3. A fax copy sent to Joint Initiative staff at 202-354-6441.
4. An electronic copy (jpg, gif, or tif format) sent to [jwest@merid.org](mailto:jwest@merid.org).
5. If you were a signatory to the Joint Initiative's August 2005 letter regarding U.S. accession to the Convention, we have your signature on file and can use it for the current letter. Please send an email authorization allowing us to do so to [jwest@merid.org](mailto:jwest@merid.org).

We also want to take this opportunity to share with you a recent letter from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Senator Joseph Biden, Chair of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, emphasizing the importance of the Convention to our national security (attached).

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope that you will join this effort to urge the Senate to act expeditiously toward U.S. accession to the Convention. We hope that you will lend your signature of support to this effort.

If you have any questions, please call Laura Cantral at 202-354-6444.