

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 November 2016

Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly resolution 70/303 of 9 September 2016 related to the modalities of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, as well as my letter dated 3 November, by which I informed of the convening of a two-day preparatory meeting, 15-16 February 2017, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to be chaired by the two co-facilitators.

I have the pleasure to inform you that I will convene a briefing on the ongoing preparations for the Conference to be held in June 2017 as well as its preparatory meeting.

The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 13 December 2016 from 3:00 to 6:00pm in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, with the participation of representatives of the Co-Presidents of the Conference, Fiji and Sweden as well as the Secretary General of the Conference, Mr. Wu Hongbo and the Focal Point for UN-Oceans and Special Adviser to the Co-Presidents, Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York