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21th Meeting of the United Nations Open-Ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, on Sea Level Rise and its Impacts, Virtual 14th – 18th June 2021

Item 6: Issues that could benefit from attention in the future work of the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea

Friday, 18th June 2021, 4-6pm

Distinguished Co-Chairs and delegates,

Further to Ambassador Tone's kind invitation for suggestions for issues that could benefit of attention in the work of the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea in the future, OceanCare wishes to propose the issue of **Deep Sea Mining**.

As States make the transition to renewable energy sources there is also a need to consider the potential significant adverse impacts on marine life resulting from environmental impacts arising from the construction of renewable energy structures and the mining of deep-sea minerals, including consequences on the carbon storage and sequestration capacity of our oceans.

We thank you for your attention and consideration.

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