



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 December 2019

Excellency,

I wish to refer to General Assembly resolution 73/292 of 9 May 2019 by which the Assembly decided to convene the 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development. The conference is now scheduled to take place in Lisbon from 2 to 6 June 2020.

As part of the preparatory process, the Assembly requested the President of the General Assembly to convene a two-day Preparatory Meeting in February 2020, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The meeting will be chaired by the two co-facilitators, with interpretation services subject to availability, to consider the themes of the eight interactive dialogues and the elements of a brief, concise, action-oriented and an agreed intergovernmental declaration, focusing on and highlighting, science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14.

I am pleased to inform you that, in consultation with the co-facilitators, H.E. Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong, Permanent Representative of Palau, and H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark, I have decided to convene the Preparatory Meeting on 4 and 5 February 2020. The Meeting will be held in conference room 4.

In this regard, I attach the letter from the co-facilitators appointed to oversee the preparatory process and conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration, which provides the proposed Programme of Work for the Preparatory Meeting. Further information related to the meeting will be provided in due course.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a flourish and a heart-like shape.

Tijjani Mihammad-Bande

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



**PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK TO THE UN IN
NEW YORK**
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark



9 December 2019

Excellency,

We are writing with reference to General Assembly resolution 73/292 entitled "2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development", in which the General Assembly decided to convene a high-level 2020 United Nations Conference in Lisbon from 2 to 6 June 2020 to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14. The Conference shall comprise eight plenary meetings and eight interactive dialogues and adopt, by consensus, a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration focusing on and highlighting the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14.

As co-facilitators, we have the pleasure to inform you that the two-day preparatory meeting will take place 4-5 February 2020 with a view to consider the themes for the interactive dialogues and elements for the declaration. We refer to the attached program.

We are committed to an open, inclusive, transparent process, and count on your support and your active and constructive engagement. We stand available to meet with Member States throughout the process, and encourage you to reach out to us at your convenience.

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

Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong
Permanent Representative of Palau
to the United Nations

Mr. Martin Bille Hermann
Permanent Representative of Denmark
to the United Nation

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Programme of Work

2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and Sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Preparatory Meeting

Tuesday, 4 February – Wednesday, 5 February 2020, United Nations

Conference Room 4

Tuesday, 4 February 2020	
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Opening of the Meeting - H.E. Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong, Permanent Representative of Palau, co-facilitator to oversee the preparatory process and conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration - H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark, co-facilitator to oversee the preparatory process and conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration Opening Statements - H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th session of the General Assembly - Representative of Portugal, co-host of the 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and Sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development - Representative of Kenya, co-host of the 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and Sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development - Mr. Liu Zhenmin, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Secretary-General of the Conference - Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel; Special Adviser to the Presidents of the Conference on oceans and legal matters - Mr. Peter Thomson, Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

11:00 am- 1:00 pm	Discussion on the themes of the interactive dialogues
3:00 pm- 6:00 pm	Discussion on elements of a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration focusing on, and highlighting, the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14
Wednesday, 5 February 2020	
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Discussion on elements of a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration focusing on, and highlighting, the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14 (continued)
1:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Discussion on elements of a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration focusing on, and highlighting, the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14 (continued)
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Closing of the meeting Closing statements - Mr. Liu Zhenmin, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Secretary-General of the Conference - H.E. Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong, Permanent Representative of Palau, co-facilitator to oversee the preparatory process and conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration - H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark, co-facilitator to oversee the preparatory process and conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration