



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

31 January 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit a letter from H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark, and H.E. Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong, Permanent Representative of Palau, the co-facilitators for the intergovernmentally agreed declaration for the 2020 United Nations Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 dated 30 January 2020.

The co-facilitators also share the updated programme for the Preparatory Meeting which will take place on 4 and 5 February 2020.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script.

Tijjani Muhammad-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



30 January 2020

Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration for 2020 United Nations Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

It is our pleasure to share with you the updated programme for the Preparatory Meeting, which will take place 4-5 February 2020 in United Nations Headquarters Conference Room 4. The purpose of the Preparatory Meeting is to consider the themes for the interactive dialogues and elements of an intergovernmentally agreed declaration. As mandated in General Assembly resolution 73/292, the declaration shall be brief, concise and action-oriented and focus on, and highlight, the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

We invite Member States to make separate statements on the themes of the interactive dialogues and on the elements of the declaration. In order to ensure that we will have a focused and fruitful discussion at the Preparatory Meeting, we encourage you to address the guiding questions that we circulated in our previous letter, dated January 22 2020.

There is no established list of speakers for the Preparatory Meeting. The time limits for statements will be five minutes for statements delivered on behalf of a group of States, three minutes for individual delegations and two minutes for observers and stakeholders. We will kindly ask all delegations to adhere to these time limits. All delegations are encouraged to submit the full-length version of their statement to the Secretariat [email: chatterjeem@un.org] for posting on the Conference website.

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 Nations

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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 Meeting¹

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

Conference Room 4

Tuesday, 4 February 2020	
10 am –11 am	<p>Opening of the Meeting</p> <p>Co-chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 <p>Opening statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th session of the General Assembly- H.E. Mr. Ricardo Serrão Santos, Minister of Sea, 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- Prof. Micheni J. Ntiba, Principal Secretary for Fisheries, Aquaculture and the Blue Economy, Republic 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. Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs- Mr. Peter Thomson, Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean

¹ There is no established list of speakers for the preparatory meeting. The time limits for statements will be five minutes for statements delivered on behalf of a group of States, three minutes for individual delegations and two minutes for observers and stakeholders. Delegations are encouraged to deliver a shorter version of their statement and to submit the full-length statement to the Secretariat [email: chatterjeem@un.org] for posting on the Conference website.

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11 am-1 pm	Discussion on the themes of the interactive dialogues (A/74/630)
3 pm-6 pm	Discussion on the 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 am – 1 pm	Discussion on the 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)
3 pm – 5:30 pm	Discussion on the 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 pm	<p>Closing of the meeting</p> <p>Closing statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Liu Zhenmin, 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 - 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