



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 January 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith, 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.

The aforementioned letter conveys the guiding questions to be considered by delegations in their preparations for the forthcoming preparatory meeting on 4 and 5 February 2020. I thank you, in advance, for your delegation's active engagement in this process.

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

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

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and  
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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.

At the Preparatory Meeting on February 4-5, we invite you to consider the elements for the declaration as well as the themes for the interactive dialogues. In order to ensure that we will have a focused and fruitful discussion at the Preparatory Meeting, we kindly invite you to consider the below questions when preparing your statement for the Preparatory Meeting.

Recalling that the declaration shall be brief, concise and action-oriented and focus on the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14,

- 1) What are important science-based and innovative areas of action, contributing to the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, which could be reflected in the declaration?
- 2) How can the declaration advance action on concrete, science-based and innovative solutions supporting the implementation of Goal 14?
- 3) How can the international community leverage synergies in the work in science-based and innovative areas of action to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development?
- 4) What are the main challenges to the achievement of Goal 14, especially as it relates to science and innovation?

In addition to your thoughts on the declaration, we are also interested in your views on the themes for the interactive dialogues proposed in the Secretary-General's background note, especially on the eighth theme ("Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the



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2030 Agenda”) proposed in addition to the seven themes of the 2017 UN Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

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