11 February 2020

Excellency,

I am pleased to announce that the silence procedure regarding the themes for the interactive dialogues for the 2020 United Nations conference to support the implementation of sustainable Development Goal 14 was not broken. The titles of the interactive dialogues can be found in the 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, attached herewith.

The co-facilitators also share information on the first round of informal consultations on the intergovernmentally agreed declaration. The consultations will take place on 18 and 19 March 2020 in the Trusteeship Council from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

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

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
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 facilitate and conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration for 2020 United Nations Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

With reference to our letter of 6 February 2020, we are pleased to inform you that the silence procedure regarding the changes to the theme of the third interactive dialogue has not been broken. We will therefore recommend to the President of the General Assembly that the themes for the interactive dialogues at the Conference be the following:

1) Addressing marine pollution
2) Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems
3) Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification, deoxygenation and ocean warming
4) Making fisheries sustainable and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets
5) Promoting and strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies, in particular for small island developing States and least developed countries
6) Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology
7) Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
8) Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

The Secretary-General of the Conference will now begin the work of preparing the concept notes on each of the themes of the interactive dialogues. He will invite Member States and other stakeholders to submit input to the concept notes.

Furthermore, it is our pleasure to announce that we will be holding the first round of informal consultations on the intergovernmentally agreed declaration on March 18 and March 19 2020 in the Trusteeship Council from 10am-1pm and 3pm-6pm. We will be circulating a zero draft by the beginning of March, which will be the starting point for the informal consultations.

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Let us once again assure you that 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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