



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

6 February 2020

Excellency,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter dated 6 February 2020 from H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark, and H.E. Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong, Permanent Representative of the Republic 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 co-facilitators hereby share their proposals for the themes of the eight interactive dialogues that will take place at the conference. The co-facilitators wish to place the proposal for an amended title for the theme for interactive dialogue 3 under silence procedure until 6:00p.m. Friday, 7 February 2020. No changes have been made to the titles of the other seven dialogues, as proposed by the Secretary General in his background note.

I also avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate the co-facilitators, and thank all delegations, for the meaningful engagement at the preparatory meeting earlier this week as part of the process towards the 2020 UN Ocean Conference.

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

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

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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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 facilitate and conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration for 2020 United Nations Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

Part of our task as co-facilitators is to recommend to the President of the General Assembly – on the basis of discussions among member states at the preparatory meeting held on 4-5 February 2020 – the themes for the eight interactive dialogues.

As stated at the Preparatory Meeting on February 5, we propose to 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 the 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

Please note that only the title of the third interactive dialogue has been slightly amended from the proposal made in the Secretary General's background note in response to interventions expressed by a large number of delegations during the Preparatory Meeting. The change is merely to add 'de-oxygenation and ocean warming' to broaden the scope, while

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retaining the focus of this particular dialogue. No changes have been made to the titles of the other seven dialogues.

In the interest of being open and inclusive, we will place the proposal for the new, amended title for the theme for interactive dialogue 3 under silence procedure until Friday February 7 at 6 pm. If the silence procedure is not broken, we will propose the above themes to the President of the General Assembly. There will be no changes to the other themes. If the silence procedure is broken, we will retain the themes as formulated in the Secretary-General's background note in our recommendation to the PGA.

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.

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Permanent Representative of Palau  
to the United Nations

Mr. Martin Bille Hermann  
Permanent Representative of Denmark  
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