



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 March 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a letter, dated 19 March 2020, from H.E. Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Palau, and H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark, the co-facilitators tasked to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration for the 2020 UN Ocean Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

Sequel to a request to extend the deadline for submission of statements on the zero draft hitherto circulated, and in light of the challenges in coordination due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the co-facilitators have decided to extend the deadline for submitting statements until 6 p.m. Monday, 23 March 2020.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tijjani Muhammad-Bande'.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

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



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NEW YORK**  
*Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark*



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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.

Further to our letter dated 13 March 2020 regarding the submission of statements on the zero draft, we have received a request to extend the deadline for submission. As we understand that many of us face difficulties and delays in coordination due to the current COVID-19 situation, we have decided to extend the deadline for submitting statements until 6 p.m. Monday, 23 March 2020.

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