



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 September 2021

Excellency,

Further to the High-level thematic debate on the Ocean and Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water, which I convened on 1 June 2021, I have the honour to inform you that I received the enclosed letter dated 30 August 2021 from H.E. Mr. Martin Kimani, Permanent Representative of Kenya and H.E. Mr. Francisco Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal informing about the decision of their Governments to select 27 June to 1 July 2022 as the most feasible dates for holding the 2nd United Nations Ocean Conference, to take place in Lisbon, Portugal, in accordance with the modalities contained in General Assembly resolution 73/292.

In this regard, I have the further honour to transmit the text of the draft decision entitled “2022 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”, which will be issued as A/75/L.130. A date of the plenary meeting of the General Assembly to consider the draft decision will be announced in the UN Journal in due course.

I thank the Governments of Kenya and Portugal and wish every success to the Conference in 2022.

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

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Volkan BOZKIR

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



Excellency,

30 August 2021

We have the honour to refer to the 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.

As you are aware, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 73/292 of 9 May 2019, the Conference was scheduled to take place in Lisbon, from 2 to 6 June 2020. However, in view of the public health concerns arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Assembly, in its decision 74/548 of 13 April 2020, decided to postpone the Conference to a later date and to set, at a later stage, the new deadlines for its preparatory process.

As a result of the developments in the global fight against COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into consideration the importance our Governments attach to the Conference as a platform for encouraging transformative action and support to the effective implementation of Goal 14, Portugal and Kenya have consulted with the Secretariat in order to set new dates for the Conference. In this regard, we are pleased to inform you that our Governments have identified 27 June to 1 July 2022 as the most feasible dates for holding the Conference, to take place in Lisbon, Portugal, in accordance with the modalities contained in General Assembly resolution 73/292 of 9 May 2019.

In this regard, please find attached a suggested draft decision for adoption by the General Assembly, setting the new dates for the Conference and the new deadlines for its preparatory process. In light of the procedural nature of this decision, we kindly request that consideration is given to the issuing of this draft as text submitted by the President of the General Assembly.



We also kindly request that your office circulates this letter to all Member States at the earliest opportunity.

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

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Martin Kimani

Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Kenya to the United
Nations

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francisco Duarte Lopes".

Francisco Duarte Lopes

Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Portugal to the United
Nations

President of the General Assembly

H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir

New York

Seventy-fifth session

Agenda items 19 and 76 (a)

Sustainable development

Oceans and the law of the sea: oceans and the law of the sea

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

**2022 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**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 73/292 of 9 May 2019 in its entirety, and its decision to convene 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 in Lisbon, from 2 to 6 June 2020, to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14,

Recalling its decision 74/548 of 13 April 2020, in which it decided to postpone the Conference to a later date to be decided and to set, at a later stage, the new deadlines for its preparatory process,

1. *Decides* that the high-level 2022 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 shall be convened in Lisbon, from 27 June to 1 July 2022;

2. *Also decides* that the Governments of Kenya and Portugal shall retain co-hosting responsibilities and assume the costs of the Conference and its preparation;

3. *Further decides* that the plenary meetings of the Conference will be held as follows:

Monday, 27 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, 28 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 29 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, 30 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Friday, 1 July: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

4. *Decides* that the interactive dialogues will be held in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

Monday, 27 June: from 3 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 28 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 29 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, 30 June: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Friday, 1 July: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

5. *Also decides* that at the opening of the Conference, to take place during the first plenary meeting, to be held on the morning of Monday, 27 June, consideration will be given to all procedural and organizational matters, including the adoption of the rules of procedure and the agenda, the election of the two Presidents of the Conference, the election of officers, the establishment of subsidiary organs, as appropriate, the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee, arrangements for the preparation of the report of the Conference and other matters; and at the first plenary meeting, statements will be made by the Presidents of the Conference, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General of the Conference.

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint two co-facilitators, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration by May 2022;

7. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to finalize the organizational arrangements for the Conference no later than May 2022.
