



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 October 2021

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the forthcoming 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 scheduled from 27 June to 1 July 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal.

In its decision 75/578 of 9 September 2021, the General Assembly requested the President to appoint two co-facilitators to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration of the Conference by May 2022. Considering the progress made on the intergovernmental consultations during previous sessions, and with a view to ensuring continuity, I have the honour to inform you that I have decided to reappoint H.E. Ms. Keisha Aniya McGuire, Permanent Representative of Grenada, and H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark as co-facilitators of this process.

Matters pertaining to the health of our oceans remain as critical as ever to the success of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Therefore, I count on your support during the final stages of this preparatory process.

I would like to thank Ambassador McGuire and Ambassador Hermann for continuing this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Abdulla SHAHID', written over a horizontal line.

Abdulla SHAHID

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Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
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