



25 May 2022

Excellency,

We would like to thank you for your engagement and constructive spirit throughout the course of the intergovernmental consultations on the political declaration for the 2022 United Nations Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 UN Ocean Conference. As you are aware, following the silence procedure was broken on paragraph 14(i) on 20 May 2022, as co-facilitators, we have been conducting extensive consultations with delegations in order to reach a compromise. Due to the constructiveness and flexibility shown by all delegations, we are pleased to report that a compromise on this paragraph has been reached that we believe will enjoy consensus. Kindly note that no other changes have been made to the text that was put under silence on 19 May 2022.

We trust that the final draft fulfils the mandate given to us by the President of the General Assembly to prepare a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration focusing on, and highlighting, the science-based and innovative areas of action to support the implementation of Goal 14, to be adopted by consensus.

In this regard, the enclosed final draft political declaration is hereby placed under silence procedure until Thursday, 26 May at 5:00 p.m. We count on your continuous spirit of flexibility and cooperation so that we can adopt the enclosed text when we convene in Lisbon for the UN Ocean Conference.

As we all can appreciate, the UN Ocean Conference is of critical importance to address the global emergency faced by our ocean, and it is essential that our Heads of State and Government send a strong message of urgency and ambition. Let us come together and show a united resolve to take responsibility for the ocean, that is fundamental to our planet and to our future.

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

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