

26 May 2022

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 25 May 2022 regarding the final draft declaration for the 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, I am pleased to inform that the **silence procedure on the draft declaration was not broken.**

In this regard, I have the honour to circulate herewith a letter dated 26 May 2022 from the co-facilitators for the intergovernmental consultations on the Declaration.

I take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to H.E Ms. Keisha A. McGuire, Permanent Representative of Grenada and H.E. Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, Permanent Representative of Denmark for successfully facilitating the consultations and all Member States for their engagement and support in this process, which allowed agreement on a brief, concise, and action-oriented declaration, to be submitted to the Conference for adoption, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 73/292.

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

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