

23 July 2024

**H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis
President of the General Assembly
United Nations
New York**

Dear Mr. President,

We write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators to finalise the organisational arrangements, including on a possible outcome document, for the 25 September “High-level Meeting on addressing the existential threats posed by sea-level rise”.

We would like to thank you for having entrusted us to co-facilitate this important work, and for the support you and your good offices have provided to us throughout the process.

It would be fair to say the process has been more complex than perhaps anticipated, with fourteen rounds of informal consultations, informal informals, and numerous bilateral meetings conducted over a four-month period, all aimed at achieving an ambitious and impactful High-level Meeting in September and the best possible outcome. f.

Despite its complexities, the process has in and of itself been a successful endeavour. Throughout our informal consultations, we have witnessed a levelling up in the understanding of the multifaceted nature of the threats posed by sea-level rise, and we have also seen the most affected Member States working together, and with all delegations, to underscore the urgency of the issue and to ensure efforts to address sea-level rise have a home in the General Assembly.

Having concluded the informal consultations process, we as co-facilitators circulated under silence on 17 July the attached draft modalities resolution and corresponding draft decision. While these documents were largely agreed ad ref during informal consultations, on those elements where divergence remained, the co-facilitators reflected what we considered to be a balanced and representative package, one which maintained the stepwise process to support our collective efforts in addressing sea-level rise.

Before the silence procedure concluded on 19 July, two delegations broke silence on OP9 of the draft modalities resolution, and also on OP3 of the draft decision. Other two delegations similarly broke silence on OP3 of the draft decision.

With regard to OP9 of the draft modalities resolution, we advised all delegations on Friday 19 July that we would not be reopening this paragraph as this language represents the most contemporary and widely used formulation regarding stakeholder participation. Regarding OP3 of the decision, the co-facilitators worked with delegations to identify alternative language formulations, and subsequently recirculated a revised text under silence. We are pleased to advise the renewed silence procedure concluded unbroken.

Sincerely,

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Carolyn Schwalger
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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Maritza Chan Valverde
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