



Republic of Cabo Verde



Australian Government

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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

With reference to the letter dated 25 October 2024 from H.E. Philémon Yang, President of the 79th Session of the General Assembly, we have the honour to address you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations for the 2025 UN Ocean Conference declaration.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the President for the trust and confidence placed in us. We are pleased to continue leading this important process, building on the declarations Member States agreed at the first and second UN Ocean Conferences. We aim to deliver on the mandate set by the General Assembly for a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration as a component of the Nice Ocean Action Plan.

Building on the discussions held on 2 July 2024 during the Preparatory Meeting, we wish to outline the plan for facilitating these negotiations to implement the direction provided by the General Assembly to deliver a draft declaration no later than January 2025, taking into account deliberations of the Preparatory Meeting and other inputs, and to conclude this negotiation process by no later than 1 May 2025.

Please refer, Excellencies, to the attached timeline of negotiations.

We look forward to working with you on the critical issue of accelerated and collective action to support the implementation of SDG 14: Life Below Water.

Please accept, Excellencies, assurances of our highest considerations.



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**2025 UN OCEAN CONFERENCE DECLARATION
TIMELINE FOR NEGOTIATIONS**

2024

November [TBA] Virtual multistakeholder consultation

13 December Zero draft released

2025

13 January Presentation of text and general comments

27 January First informal consultation

30 January Rev. 1 text released

**10 February Second informal consultation and deadline for the submission of
new language**

13 February Rev. 2 text released

24 February Third informal consultation

27 February Rev. 3 released

10 March Fourth informal consultation

7-9 April Final text to be placed under silence procedure

10 April Text submitted to Secretariat for editing and translation

1 May Deadline for conclusion of negotiations set by modalities resolution