



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 April 2020

Subject: Draft decision entitled “2020 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” (A/74/L.48)

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 7 April 2020, in accordance with General Assembly decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020 entitled “Procedure for taking decisions of the General Assembly during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic”, placing draft decision A/74/L.48 entitled “2020 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” under silence procedure until 13 April 2020, at 3 p.m., it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the decision is considered adopted by the Assembly as decision 74/548 and is in effect from 3:01 p.m. today, Monday, 13 April 2020. We will take note of decision 74/548 at the next plenary meeting of the General Assembly to be held at the United Nations Headquarters.

Also find enclosed the explanation of position received from a Member State regarding this decision.

I avail of this opportunity to express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my sincere condolences for their loss.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized, flowing script that begins with a large, ornate initial 'T' and ends with a small, circular flourish.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations

Subject: Explanation of Chilean position on Draft decision entitled “2020 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” (A/74/L.48)

Excellency,

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations has the honour to refer to the letter dated of 7 April 2020, circulated by the distinguished Office of the President of the 74th Session of the General Assembly, on the draft resolution entitled “2020 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”, contained in document A/74/L.48.

As a first comment, Chile would like to thank to the co-organizers, Portugal and Kenya, for its efforts to host the Second Conference on Oceans.

Regarding the draft decision, Chile joins the consensus and also stresses the importance of celebrating the 2020 UN Conference on Oceans in a later date and welcomes that the decision does not imply the cancelation of this important event.

Chile has a strong commitment with the conservation of the oceans and the sustainable use of its resources and reiterates its commitment to the preparatory process carried out by the co-facilitators.

Finally, the Permanent Mission of Chile wants to point out that other international fora, such as COP26, have also been postponed. In particular, the dialogue on the ocean and climate change will take place on October 2020, during the 52nd Meeting of the Subsidiary Body of the Convention (SB52). General Assembly Resolution 73/292 recognizes the synergies of the Paris Agreement process with the UN Ocean Conference, which remains open to other contributions.

The Permanent Mission of Chile avails of this opportunity to reiterate to the Ambassador Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the General Assembly, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations

New York, 9 April 2020