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Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to refer to our letter dated 15 October 2020, and the Notification concerning the convening of the fourteenth meeting (by correspondence) of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (the Regular Process) which was circulated to Member States and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 20 October 2020.

In accordance with the modalities of the fourteenth meeting as outlined in the above-mentioned Notification, we hereby declare, in our capacities as the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process, the fourteenth meeting (by correspondence) of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole open as of today.

We would like to express our appreciation to all delegations for participating in this meeting amid challenges posed by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Adoption of the agenda

Regarding the adoption of the agenda, we note that the provisional agenda and the annotated provisional agenda of the fourteenth meeting (by correspondence) of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole have been posted on the website of the Regular Process at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/events/fourteenth-meeting>. The provisional agenda is also annexed to this letter.

It is further noted that a note by the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to be considered under the provisional agenda item 3 (Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole) has been circulated on 5 November 2020 and is available at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/events/fourteenth-meeting>. The second world ocean assessment, including its summary, to be considered under the provisional agenda item 4 (Consideration of the second world ocean assessment, including its summary), has been circulated to Member States and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 19 October 2020, and it can be retrieved from the website of the Regular Process at: <https://www.un.org/regularprocess/WOA-II-review-by-states/draft-assessment>. The summary of the second world ocean assessment has also been issued as document [A/75/232/Rev.1](#).

We propose that the fourteenth meeting of Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole decides to adopt the provisional agenda as contained in the Annex to this letter. This proposal is hereby placed under a silence procedure **until 5.00 p.m. (New York time) on Wednesday, 11 November 2020.**

Any objection to the above-mentioned proposal should be transmitted in a letter or a note verbale addressed to us. Such correspondence should be sent by email to the secretariat of the Regular Process (doalos@un.org; marco.boccia@un.org).

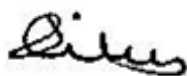
Invitation for views or comments on documents to be considered

In accordance with the modalities of the fourteenth meeting as outlined in the Notification concerning the convening of the fourteenth meeting (by correspondence), and subject to the adoption of the agenda, we would also like to invite Member States and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of Whole:

- (a) To provide any views on the note by the Bureau to be considered under the provisional agenda items 3 (Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole); and
- (b) To provide any comments on the second world ocean assessment, including its summary, to be considered under the provisional agenda items 4 (Consideration of the second world ocean assessment, including its summary).

It would be appreciated if such views or comments could be sent by email to the secretariat of the Regular Process (doalos@un.org; temnova@un.org; legesseh@un.org) **no later than midnight (New York time) on Wednesday, 11 November 2020.** All views or comments received will be circulated to Member States and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.



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Annex

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the General Assembly

The Fourteenth Meeting (by correspondence)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole
4. Consideration of the second world ocean assessment, including its summary
5. Adoption of recommendations to the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly