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Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to refer to our letter dated 13 August 2020, and the Notification concerning the convening of the thirteenth 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 28 August 2020.

In accordance with the modalities of the thirteenth 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 thirteenth 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 thirteenth 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/thirteenth-meeting>. The provisional agenda is also annexed to this letter.

It is further recalled that the documents to be considered under the provisional agenda items 3 (Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole) and 4 (Information from the Group of Experts on the progress in the finalization of the second world ocean assessment) have been circulated to Member States and other participants in the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on 8 September 2020. The documents to be considered under provisional agenda items 5 (Lessons learned from the second cycle), 6 (Draft programme of the work for the third cycle) and 7 (Preliminary resources requirements for the third cycle) have been circulated on 10 August 2020. These documents are available at the above-mentioned webpage.

We propose that the thirteenth 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 Monday, 14 September 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).

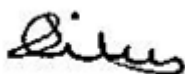
Invitation for views or comments on documents to be considered

In accordance with the modalities of the thirteenth meeting as outlined in the Notification concerning the convening of the thirteenth 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 the Whole:

- (a) To provide any views on documents to be considered under the provisional agenda items 3 (Report of the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole) and 4 (Information from the Group of Experts on the progress in the finalization of the second world ocean assessment); and
- (b) To provide any comments on documents to be considered under the provisional agenda items 6 (Draft programme of the work for the third cycle) and 7 (Preliminary resources requirements for the third cycle), taking into account documents provided under the provisional agenda item 5 (Lessons learned from the second cycle).

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, 16 September 2020.**

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 Thirteenth 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. Information from the Group of Experts on the progress in the finalization of the second world ocean assessment
5. Lessons learned from the second cycle
6. Draft programme of work for the third cycle
7. Preliminary resource requirements for the third cycle
8. Recommendations to the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly