



2 March 2020

Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on the declaration for 2020 United Nations Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14.

We would like to thank you for the very constructive and detailed input we received from groups of states, individual delegations and other stakeholders at the Preparatory Meeting held on February 4-5.

Based on these inputs, we are pleased to enclose the zero draft of the declaration. We have the pleasure to invite you to the first informal consultations, which will be held on March 18 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 3:00 pm to 6:00pm in the Trusteeship Council. If there is a need to continue our discussions on the zero draft, we will have the opportunity to do so the following day, on March 19, also in the Trusteeship Council.

After the first round of informal consultations we will circulate a revised draft, and will invite you to a second round of informal consultations on April 15 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 3:00 pm to 6:00pm in Conference Room 1 and, if needed, on April 16, also in Conference Room 1.

We are committed to an open, inclusive, transparent process, and count on your support and your active and constructive engagement. We stand available to meet with Member States throughout the process, and encourage you to reach out to us at your convenience.

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

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