Excellency,

You will recall that the General Assembly, in its resolution 73/292, decided to convene the 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 in Lisbon, Portugal, from 2 to 6 June 2020. The overarching theme for the Conference is “Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions”.

The General Assembly further encouraged States and international donors, as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to support the preparations for the Conference through voluntary contributions to a trust fund in support of preparations for the Conference and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries, priority being given to representatives of the least developed countries and small island developing States, including coverage of economy-class air tickets, daily subsistence allowances and terminal expenses, in the meetings of the Conference and in its preparatory meeting, to be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, in February 2020.

In this connection, I am writing to seek your Government’s contribution to the above-mentioned trust fund. I look forward to your favorable response and to the opportunity to working with your Government in support of successful preparations for the Conference.

For details on the funding requirements and the Trust Fund to which contributions may be sent, please contact Mr. Armin Plum (email: pluma@un.org; tel. 1-212-963-8158) and Mr. Chaudhry Iqbal (email: iqbalc@un.org; tel. 1-212-963-8563).

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

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