

2022 UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE
ONLINE STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING: INPUTS TO THE POLITICAL
DECLARATION ZERO DRAFT

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Written Statement

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As civil society organizations we are deeply concerned with the forthcoming 2022 UN Ocean Conference as it is the platform where the real voice of the voiceless will be heard and amplified to the international policy makers therefore we would like to contribute to development of the Zero Draft 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Political Declaration as follows

1. We argue for the world leaders to establish and adopt a unified Post COVID 19 pandemic collection and recycling of plastic waste products e.g. masks, gloves, Personal Protective Equipment gears, bottle sanitizers produced during the pandemic
2. Researchers must track Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) after entering the marine environment and understand their potential fate
3. International organizations and financial institutions should support the governments of the developing countries governments to provide subsidies on clean energy technologies and initiatives and reduce the use of firewood and charcoal as a source of energy for rural communities.
4. Effective establishment and adoption of unified industrial and municipal waste water management regulations and policies
5. advancement of green solution mechanism by stakeholders policy makers and governments including the three Rs (3R), Recycling, Re – using and Reducing as a sustainable solid waste management
6. including the marine liter pollution in the monitoring plans to understand if the occurrence of PPEs is increasing or decreasing overtime and how is the recent legislation that prevent the spread of COVID 19 spread influences the abundance

We the human beings and all other creatures whether terrestrial or aquatic are products of the oceans, no life on planet earth without oceans therefore oceans is the source of life to all life. We are the world it is high time now when we must come together as one and we can't pretending day by day that someone or some people will make a change we are all products of the oceans regardless of our backgrounds we all need life.

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