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**Intervention**

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(Wording suggestions for specific paragraphs of the UNOC Political Declaration Zero Draft of February 14, 2022, marked in blue):

The UN Decade of Action for the SDGs should be explicitly mentioned, either at the end of para. 3 or of para. 4, stating “**We also recognize the importance of the United Nations Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs and its call to support and scale up global, local and individual efforts and ambitious action to deliver the SDGs by 2030.**”

In the penultimate line of para. 7, instead of “build back better”, as a proactive and forward-looking statement we suggest, “build **forward** better”.

In para. 11.a., climate change should be explicitly mentioned. We suggest “integrated ‘**climate-smart**’ ocean management, ...” in line 1, and adding “**in a context of climate change.**” at the end of the paragraph.

In Para. 11.e., and in line with para. 6, add “**and other effective area-based conservation measures**” in line 2 after “marine protected areas”.

In Para. 12.e., after “social science” add “, **and incorporate both** in planning, decision-making and implementation”.

Para. 12.g. should be more ambitious: In line 1, add “Ensure that **all** people” or “Ensure that **society**”; and add “**and decision-makers**” after “children and youth”; In the last line, include training “...education, **training** and life-long learning...”, and a stronger statement on ocean literacy to end the paragraph, adding “**to prompt urgent behavior changes and transformative actions for ocean sustainability**”.

Thank you for your attention.