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ONLINE STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING: INPUTS TO THE POLITICAL DECLARATION ZERO DRAFT

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Summary

On 23 March 2022, an online briefing was convened to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share their inputs with the co-facilitators, the Permanent Representatives of Denmark and Grenada, on the [draft](#) of the political declaration (zero draft) for the [“2022 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”](#).

Opening remarks were made by **Ambassador Keisha A. McGuire**, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations and **Ambassador Martin Bille Hermann**, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations. **Ms. Lotta Tahtinen**, Chief of Outreach and Partnerships Branch (DSDG/UN DESA), provided a brief presentation on the upcoming 2022 UN Ocean Conference. In her remarks, Ambassador Keisha A. McGuire stressed the importance of including all relevant stakeholders in the 2022 UN Ocean Conference. Ambassador Martin Bille Hermann recalled that the process of the political declaration started in early 2020 and repeated the importance of updating the text with new aspects for which the stakeholders’ view, help and guidance are crucial. This was followed by an open interaction with stakeholders on the revised zero draft of the 2022 UN Ocean Conference political declaration, moderated by Naiara Costa, Senior Sustainable Development Officer at DSDG/UN DESA.

Interventions on specific elements in the text were made by over 20 stakeholders. A list of speakers follows below. Written interventions are published online [here](#).

Stakeholders that provided live interventions during the webinar:

- Kalim Shah (Universities Consortium of Small Island States),
- Maria Adelaide Ferreira (MARE - Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre),
- Philip Chou (Oceana),

- Sergi Tudela (Local Authorities Major Group, Regions4, Global Task Force),
- Vivienne Solis Rivera (CoopeSoliDar R.L, Women's Major Group),
- Severin Sindizera (Indigenous Peoples Global Forum for Sustainable Development),
- Tymon Zielinski (Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences),
- Christine Xu (Aquatic Life Institute),
- Felipe Victoria (Ocean Conservancy),
- Sheila JJ Heymans (European Marine Board)
- Ruby Lang (Major Group of Children and Youth).

All their interventions can be accessed on the dedicated webpage [here](#). In addition, shorter 1-minute oral interventions were made by several stakeholders, as well as substantive inputs in the chat box. All received inputs will be posted on the [webpage](#).

The briefing concluded with closing remarks from Ambassador Keisha A. McGuire and Ambassador Martin Bille Hermann. Both ambassadors thanked the participants for their concrete and helpful inputs and fruitful engagement. Ambassador Keisha A. McGuire encouraged participants to submit their inputs also in written form. In addition, Ambassador Martin Bille Hermann encouraged stakeholders to engage with their national and local authorities, as a way of influencing where the declaration will end.