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ONLINE STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING: INPUTS TO THE POLITICAL
DECLARATION ZERO DRAFT

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Intervention

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Dear Chair,

Local and regional governments throughout the world, gathered in the networks of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, welcome and align with the Zero-draft declaration, and would like, given the latest report of the IPCC, to stress further within the declaration the urgency to act to respond and adapt to climate change notably given the confirmed risk of having zones of no returns.

In view of the next generation of multilateralism, we welcome the mention of the importance to enhance cooperation at the global, regional and national level, as well as, subnational and local level. In this regard, we welcome the organization of a Local and Regional Governments special event at the UN Ocean Conference.

In our view one of the of the biggest challenges in implementing SDG14 is governance. We call for the declaration to be more explicit about the need for parties to build upon the know-how an expertise of local and regional governments in building sustainable management models, to respond to aggravated risks faced due to ocean and sea degradation.

Considering its proximity to citizens, local and subnational governments have developed integrated solutions and governance models based on co-management that can be scaled up and influence for example integrated maritime policy and should be reflected within the declaration.

We remain committed to support the need to protect our oceans, and will be present at the Oceans' conference to input and provide knowledge and our experience to drive for further ambitions and delivery ocean action.