Distinguished co-facilitators,

1. Viet Nam aligns itself with the statement by the representative of Pakistan on behalf the G77 and China. We wish to add the following points in our national capacity.

2. In para 4, in the last sentence, we would like to add so that the last part would read: “we commit to taking urgent action to achieve all targets under Goal 14 as soon as possible without undue delay, as well as to respond effectively to newly emerging marine and oceanic issues”, so as to make clear our commitment to Goal 14 and to be forward-looking.

3. We would like to express our support to Para 8 and add “UN” before the name of the Convention, and add at the end of the para the following: “including the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources”, in order to be more relevant to the themes of the Conference, based on paragraph 158 of “The future we want”.

4. In para 11b, in order to be consistent with Target 14b, in the interests of combating IUUF in long term, we would like to add at the end this following phrase: “strengthen capacity-building and technical assistance provided to small-scale and artisanal fishers in developing countries, to enable and enhance their access to marine resources and markets and improve the socioeconomic situation of fishers and fish workers within the context of sustainable fisheries management”.

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5. In para 11d, we would like to delete “long-term” in the phrase “long-term discharges of marine plastic litter and microplastics into the ocean” as all kinds of discharges of marine litter must be eliminated. We would like to add “and single-use plastic” after PPE because single use plastic is a major source of marine pollution.

6. In para 12b, we would like to add “transfer of technology” so that the phrase would read: “addressing their constraints in access to technology, including through transfer of technology”. This is based on OP12, RES 71/312 on outcome of 2017 UNOC, and because the current wording is not enough on this issue.

7. In para 12d, we would like to add at the end of the para the following "Explore, develop and promote innovative financing solutions for the development of sustainable ocean-based economies, including through public-private sector partnerships and capital market instruments, provide technical assistance to enhance the bankability and feasibility of projects, as well as mainstream the values of marine natural capital into decision-making, address barriers to accessing financing and grant and other forms of financial support on preferential terms”.

8. We would like to add para 12i, which bring most of the chapeau of para 12 to this part, which would read: Recognize the need to assist all developing countries, and in particular small island developing states, least developed countries and vulnerable coastal developing states in addressing their challenges in implementing SDG14.

9. We would like to add new para as para 12j “Enhancing coastal communities' resilience through socio-economic initiatives to address the adverse impacts caused by sea level rise, ocean acidification, deoxygenation, decrease in marine biodiversity, coastal erosion...; increasing and encouraging national- and international-funded programs to assist in the transformation of local marine economy into sustainable one while ensuring socio-economic development of local communities”.

I thank you./.