

## **Statement of Algeria for the third Informal Consultations on the Political Declaration for the 2022 UN Oceans Conference**

### **(Paragraph 1 to 11)**

#### **Distinguished Co-Facilitators,**

My delegation would like to thank the Co-Facilitators for their leadership in the intergovernmental consultations on the political declaration for the 2022 United Nations Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14. I would like to assure you of our full support.

We also express our appreciation to the last update draft Declaration, dated 6 April 2022, which we consider as positive step in the right direction and provide us with a framework around which we can build our discussions.

Algeria aligns itself with the Statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Pakistan on behalf of the G77 and China, and would like to make the following comments and proposals in its national capacity.

**First:** Introduce the word « economy » in paragraph 3, in addition to climate system and water cycle.

**Second:** Insert in paragraph 4 after the marine pollution is increasing at an alarming rate, the « ecosystem services are highly solicited ».

**Third:** Insert a new paragraph at the end of paragraph 8 the paragraph « encourage scientific research at a global scale on evidence of direct relation between Personal Productive Equipment (PPE) and the increase of marine plastic litter and microplastics in the ocean ».

**Fourth:** Propose a new paragraph 9 bis which reads as follows: « We commit to better and fully implement Part XII and Part XIV of the UNCLOS, dealing respectively with marine scientific research and with the development and transfer of marine technology ».

**Fifth:** In paragraph 10 replace « conclude in 2022 » by « consider the work undertaken thus far » and add at the end of this paragraph the following sentence: « including on the importance to enshrine to the Common Heritage of Mankind as the legal principle underpinning the whole new instrument ».

The rationale behind this proposal is that the date of conclusion of the intergovernmental conference will depend on the negotiations pace of progress. The Ocean political declaration should simply be a step to draw the attention of the parties to the negotiations on the importance to well consider the work undertaken so far in order to leave no one behind, including the Common Heritage of Mankind legal principle.

These proposals will be submitted in written form.

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### (Paragraph 12 to 16)

#### Distinguished Co-Facilitators,

Algeria aligns itself with the Statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Pakistan on behalf of the G77 and China, and would like to make following comments and proposals in its national capacity.

**First:** Insert in paragraph 12, sub-paragraph a) after negative effects « on ocean ecosystem integrity », sub-paragraph b) after including small-scale and artisanal fisheries, « in accordance with international law », the end of sub-paragraph f) after and applying the precautionary « principle » and after the ecosystem-based approach, « taking into account land-sea interactions » and propose new sub-paragraph h) which reads as follows : « Adapting activities and developing action plans to reduce the negative impact of non-indigenous and invasive species ».

**Second:** Insert in the chapeau of the paragraph 13 after in particular « geographically disadvantaged countries ».

The rationale behind this proposal is that "Geographically disadvantaged countries" is a category of countries recognized in the context of the law of the sea and issues related to ocean, which is relevant to this political declaration.

**Third:** Insert in the paragraph 13, sub-paragraph c) after science technology and « technology transfer » and list the vulnerable countries « in particular, African developing States and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, as well as the specific challenges facing middle-income countries », in accordance with the paragraphs 9 and 27 -1 of A/RES/74/4.

**Fourth:** Insert in the sub-paragraph d) after establish effective « and meaningful partnerships » and in sub-paragraph e) and after promote innovative « and sustainable financing solutions » and after technology transfer « for the developing countries ».

**Fifth:** We note new sub-paragraph i) is not in line with the 2023 Agenda, which acknowledges that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change. This paragraph should be deleted, or at least the parts that struck out.

**Sixth:** Insert in the paragraph 14 after and follow-up of their progress, « and to support those States who need it in order to implement their commitments ».

**Seventh:** Propose a new paragraph 15 bis which reads as follows: « We request the Secretary-General to rename the inter-agency mechanism UN-Oceans "UN-Ocean" ».

The rationale behind this proposal is that semantically and unlike the term "ocean", the term "oceans" does not include the seas.

These proposals will be submitted in written form.