

Chilean delegation comments.
Informal Consultations on the Political Declaration of the UN Conference of the Ocean
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General introduction

Chile wants to reiterate its appreciation to the efforts of the cofacilitators to provide a concise, action-oriented and ambitious draft Political Declaration.

In general terms, my delegation is satisfied with the draft and we are supportive of reaching consensus in its adoption.

Chile aligns itself to the position expressed by G77 and China and has some remarks and suggestions on national capacity.

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Chile supports a strong paragraph 5 that reflects the achievements of the Climate Change Process, and that updates the relation of this phenomenon with the Ocean.

In that regard, Chile welcomes the last sentence on the annual dialogue to strengthen ocean-based action and recall that this is a dialogue established to have a continuity in that discussion. In that regard, to fully transmit that idea, we would suggest to include at the end of it the following: "and look forward to its informal summary to be made available to COP27".

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Chile is comfortable with P.6 but we also share the view of other delegations that we should make a positive appeal to Member States to "sustainably manage 100% of the ocean area under respective jurisdictions. In that regard, we support the proposal by Norway.

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Chile strongly supports this paragraph and its content, and also P.12 letter e). We welcome the inclusion of the developments achieved by the International Community in UNEA 5.2 on the negotiation of an ambitious international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution that addresses the full lifecycle of plastics, one of the issues of major concern for the future and health of the oceans.

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On. P.9, we want to record our preference for the previous draft, which had been extracted from the omnibus resolution of the General Assembly.

Chile firmly agrees that UNCLOS is the legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out.

We don't favor any further undermining in the language regarding the legal regime of UNCLOS, which is the indispensable base for consensus in the seas.

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Chapeau.

On P.12 chapeau, Chile aligns with G77 and China, but we also have a comment to the current drafting. We suggest to improve the drafting in a positive way, which takes into account the elements included in the proposal. In that regard, we are flexible with what the co-facilitators may produce, but to be straightforward we suggest something in this line: " We recognize the need to advance ocean knowledge and adopt the necessary conservation or management measures, consistent with the precautionary and ecosystem-based approach."

On P. 12 letter c), we are happy with the inclusion of this new language so, we support the idea brought by Iceland, whose effort we appreciate in order to be consistent and proactive with other processes.

On P.12 letter g), we support the inclusion of new language, but Chile considers that the Declaration should also make reference to the Paris Agreement as it establishes the objective to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. So, in concrete, we should mention both the Paris Agreement and the Glasgow Climate Pact.

Also, we consider that we could avoid duplications between the 12 g and 13 i), on the effort to reduce emissions of the maritime transport. We are flexible but we consider that P. 13 letter i) is enough and addresses correctly the interest of delegations, so we may streamline the declaration retaining the reference of maritime transport in paragraph 13 i)

P.13

Chile would like to include some language to reinforce or highlight one of the more important problems we face: that most of the scientific observation is located in developed countries. We support the references to the creation of capacities already reflected in the text, but we should consider how to recognize or address the imbalance in the capacities or facilities.

Although Chile is flexible, one alternative to reinforce the language is to include some wording in the chapeau of P.13, which could be read in this way: "We commit to taking the following science-based and innovative actions on an urgent basis, recognizing *the clear regional imbalance on observation capacity* and that all developing countries, ~~and~~ in particular small island developing States and least developed countries, face capacity challenges that need to be addressed:

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Chile wonders if it is stronger to maintain the precise date of 2030 as a landmark, which we have agreed before. As expressed by G77+China, Chile sees value in retaining a term, a date that provides us certainty on when we have to fulfill our goals. The new drafting, although gives an idea of urgency, may be reinforced with a precise date to assess our achievements or realize our failures.