Mexico would like to thank the Permanent Representatives of Grenada and Denmark for convening and co-facilitating this process of intergovernmental consultations on the political declaration for the 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference.

My delegation considers that the revised version contains important elements that bring the document up to date with the work we have made on oceans, biodiversity, and climate change. It is certainly a stronger document and we thank cofacilitators for that. Therefore, Mexico makes the following comments:

- On paragraph 5, Mexico welcomes the strengthening of the language on climate change, particularly with the inclusion of references to the Glasgow Climate Pact on mitigation, adaptation and the provision and mobilization of finance, technology transfer and capacity-building to developing countries, as well as indigenous peoples and local localities. Nevertheless, we consider that other key elements as means of implementation and loss and damage must be included.

- Paragraph 6 is a very important one for the achievement of SDG14. In that regard, we propose the following paragraph:

  o Putting sustainability at the heart of ocean management is essential for protection, production and prosperity that benefits people, nature and the economy. For those reason we propose the inclusion of the following: We encourage Member States to manage 100% of their national waters sustainably by 2030.
It is essential to refer to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The reference could be in this paragraph or in a new one. We proposed the next formulation based on the resolution 76/207: “We welcomes the adoption of an ambitious, balanced, practical, effective, robust and transformative post-2020 global biodiversity framework”.

- Mexico welcomes the new P7 on the decision by UNEA5.2 to convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.

- On Paragraph 9, my delegation deeply regrets that co-facilitators did not considered my Country’s position, taking into account that previous paragraph is agreed language of resolution 76/72. Our strong preference is to keep previous formulation; however, and in the interest of being constructive and showing flexibility, my delegation could consider the new proposal until seeing the final balance of the text.

- On paragraph 10, my delegation supports the new formulation on BBNJ.

- On paragraph 12 b, Mexico propose to change “combat” to “prevent, deter and eliminate” illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. The source is the Agreement on Port State Measures, approved by the FAO Conference on 22 November 2009.

- Mexico welcomes the inclusion of paragraph 12 c on sustainable fisheries and sustainable aquaculture.

- On para 13b, Mexico fully supports the formulation presented by co-facilitators. Indeed, indigenous, traditional and local knowledge, as well as social sciences, have an important role in planning, decision-making and implementation.
• On P13 f Mexico welcomes and full support the inclusion of the full formulation “full, equal and meaningful participation”.

• On P13 g, Mexico agrees on the importance to recognize that further support is needed from developed countries, especially regarding capacity building, financing and technology transfer.

Mexico is a country with a strong maritime vocation. You can count with the commitment and constructive participation of my country in this consultative process.

I thank you