



**THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**Viet Nam's comments
at the 3rd informal consultations on the draft political declaration
of the UN Ocean Conference 2022
(19 April 2022)**

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Distinguished co-facilitators,

1. Viet Nam appreciates continued efforts by co-facilitators, member states and other stakeholders for the draft declaration. In our opinion, the revised draft declaration has been updated with positive elements. Viet Nam aligns itself with the statement by the representative of Pakistan on behalf the G77 and China. Besides, we wish to add the following points in our national capacity.

2. In para 4, in the last sentence, we would like to add a phrase so that the last part would read: “we renew our commitment to taking urgent action to achieve all targets 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. Regarding para 9, we would like to keep the language about UNCLOS as mentioned in the zero draft (in Para 8) as well as in the political declaration of the first UNOC. Another format could be as follows: “We affirm the need to enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which provides **the comprehensive legal framework for all activities in the oceans and seas, which include the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources...**”.

4. In para 12b, in order to be consistent with Target 14b, in the interests of combatting IUUF in long term, we would like to add at the end this following phrase: “decision-making that include **and take into account the legitimate interests of** all stakeholders, including small-scale and artisanal fisheries...”

5. In para 12e, we would like to delete “long-term” in the phrase “~~long-term~~ discharges of marine plastic litter and micro-plastics into the ocean” as all kinds of discharges of marine litter must be eliminated.

6. In addition, we prefer to add at the end of para 12b and 12d this following phrase “*in accordance with national legislation and international law*”.

7. At para 12g, we would like to add a phrase so that the para will read as follows: “...implementing nature-based solutions for, inter alia, carbon sequestration and the prevention of coastal erosion, *and galvanizing support and financing to realize climate change commitments by states.*”

8. We would like to add at the chapeau of para 13, which would read: “We commit to taking the following science-based and innovative actions on an urgent basis, recognizing that all developing countries, in particular small island developing States, *vulnerable coastal developing States* and least developed countries, face capacity, *technological and financial* challenges that need to be addressed”

9. With regard to para 13c, 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.

I thank you./.