

**Yhdistyneiden kansakuntien valtamerikonferenssi**  
**Suomen virallinen puheenvuoro konferenssissa**

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Arena, Plenary Hall

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**Suomen virallinen puheenvuoro** YK:n valtamerikonferenssissa.

Puheenvuoron pituus on **5 minuuttia**. Puheenvuoron tarkka ajankohta selviää vasta torstaina paikan päällä. YK:n kokouksissa on puhujalista. Suomi on valtamerikonferenssin puhujalistalla 55. puhuja, mikä tarkoittaa, että puheenvuoro olisi tiistaina. Puhujalistalla voi kuitenkin liikkua alaspäin. Plenaryn alussa torstaina pyydetään paikalla olevalta sihteeristöltä Suomen puheenvuoroa. Tämä on tarkastettu sihteeristöltä etukäteen ja sieltä on kerrottu, että tämä onnistuu.

## PUHE-ELEMENTIT

- Distinguished ladies and gentlemen,
- It is my great pleasure to be here with you today and convey Finland's official greetings to UN Ocean Conference.
- Oceans play a fundamental role in all of the three global environmental emergencies we are currently faced with. Firstly, their role is crucial in mitigating and halting climate change. Secondly, oceans curb the loss of biodiversity. Thirdly, they help to tackle all kinds of pollution. **How we treat our oceans, determines how our planet will treat us, and the future generations.**
- For many, the oceans are a new key area of economic growth. They provide an opportunity to utilise enormous resources and to significantly boost economic growth, employment and innovation. **The key word is sustainability.**
- The global blue economy has a great economic importance. The different sectors of shipping and maritime industry offer jobs and prosperity.
- More specifically, the blue economy contributes to climate change mitigation by developing offshore renewable energy, decarbonising maritime transport and making ports greener.
- Oceans are the main source of our life on our planet. In a sustainable blue economy effective protection, sustainable production and equitable prosperity all go hand in hand to create a triple win for people, nature and the economy.

- By renewing the standards for fishing gear design, for ship recycling and for the decommissioning of offshore platforms, blue economy can also help in the shift to circular economy.
- Protecting at least 30% of the oceans by 2030 is already included in the EU's Biodiversity Strategy, and Finland works decisively towards reaching this goal, both nationally and globally.
- Government Resolution on Finland's maritime policy guidelines determine the focus areas of Finland's maritime policy concerning oceans and seas, and present measures required for reaching the set objectives.
- In the vision for maritime policy, Finland exercises global influence and produces solutions ensuring that the use of marine natural resources is sustainable, the state of the marine environment is healthy and the effects of climate change do not exceed the carrying capacity of the oceans.
- **The post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to be adopted later this year, is of fundamental importance for the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal areas. Looking forward to the finalizing of the BBNJ Treaty in August, it is important that we step up our level of ambition in the negotiations.** Finland also strongly supports the decision taken at UNEA-5 (fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly) in March, to start negotiations on a legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution.
- In addition to these global processes, Finland is an active partner in several regional seas cooperation platforms.

- Finland submits ten commitments to the UN Ocean Conference, worth at least 100 million euros in costs and benefits, in order to improve the environmental status of the Baltic Sea.
- The Arctic Ocean remains one of the most vulnerable oceans in the world, calling for innovative solutions from all stakeholders.
- To sum up the challenges that we are facing, now is the time to act in protecting our oceans for future generations.
- **The world has endured two years of pandemic and we all wished that we could focus on our recovery. But the effects of the unprovoked and unjustified act of military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine are disrupting. Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine needs to stop.**
- Thank you for your attention. I wish you a fruitful and successful conference.