

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, colleagues and friends.

There is a clear link between the goal to minimize global ocean acidification and to address climate change. Both problems have a common cause. The good news is that both problems can be cured with the same medicine. From the reports of IPCC we know that the mitigation scenario that is in line with the Paris Agreement and our ambition to limit climate change also minimizes ocean acidification. The transition to a fossil-free future, in line with SDG13 and the Paris Agreement, is a must if we want to save the oceans.

Sweden is making the following voluntary commitment to address this synergy between the ocean goal SDG14, including ocean acidification, and SDG13 on climate change:

- Sweden commits to reach 100 percent renewable electricity production by 2040, including by increasing off-shore wind energy. The Swedish government recently adopted Marine Spatial Plans covering Sweden's exclusive economic zone that enable 30 TWh of new energy production. Until 2025 we will deliver a revised marine spatial plan allowing for an additional energy production of 90TWh. This gives a total of 120TWh offshore wind and is about the order of magnitude of Sweden's current annual consumption of electricity.

Our second point concerns the ambition to support SDG14 and target 14.3 through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels.

- Here, Sweden contributes 4 million SEK (400.000 USD) in 2022 to IOC-UNESCO for the UN Decade for Ocean Science. We also invest in a 10 year national research programme on oceans and water. The new research programme on oceans and water complements national existing research programmes, including the already operational research programme on climate change.

Thank you.