



***Intervention by H.E. Ambassador Karlito Nunes, the Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste to the UN in New York during the interactive dialogue on Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology, Lisbon 30-06-22***

Thank you, Co-Chairs, good morning Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset, Timor-Leste associates itself with the statements made by the G77 and China and the AOSIS.

During the past 3 days here, we have shared our views on real challenges and opportunities on the marine resources that we are depending on. Climate change, marine biodiversity losses and pollution are three main issues that we discuss here in linking them to the goal 14 of SDGs. We have defined that one of the current gaps in dealing with marine protection and conservation is lack of ocean science and technology. Scientific assessment on ocean resources for providing information and reliable data for decision making process remains challenging. As a result, planning and implementation toward ocean resource management faces a huge challenge.

In this regards, we need to enhance our international cooperation to provide financial resources for enhancing capacity of research communities in dealing with data and analysis of ocean and marine biodiversity. The priority must be given to the most vulnerable developing countries, especially the LDCs and SIDS. We believe that by enhancing long term capacity building for researchers will help to get data and information as basis for decision making process, especially for an effective planning and implementation of ocean ecosystems and marine biodiversity conservation. In addition, technology transfer for AOSIS and LDCs is also critically important to deal with the implementation of the goal 14 of the SDGs. This may include technology for identifying, monitoring and evaluation of marine biodiversity, including population density and degradation rate. In the same way, technology for analyzing ocean acidification at country level will be also critically important for the LDCs and SIDS.

In order to enhance technology and financial resources for the LDCs and SIDS, it needs to establish an appropriate network to link the country needs to the availability of technology and financial resources. In addition, there should be transparency of actions undertaken and support provided need to be assessed regularly to ensure the effectiveness of service delivery. The UN General Assembly must provide space for evaluating this actions and support annually.

I thank you.

