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OCEAN PROTECTION RESOLUTION APPROVED AT IUSY WORLD COUNCIL

UN OCEAN CONFERENCE

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Presidents of the UN Ocean Conference,
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Excellencies,

1 Our oceans are being destroyed for profit, damaging ancient ecosystems and diminishing
2 many species of fish.

3 This should be of major concern to humanity, as the ocean provides life to our planet; it
4 regulates our climate, provides 50% of the air we breathe, and stores an estimated 50 times
5 more carbon dioxide than the atmosphere. Put simply, if the ocean dies, so do we.

6 Certain practices are significantly more harmful than others, such as bottom trawling; a
7 destructive fishing technique where heavily weighted nets are dragged along the seafloor,
8 destroying entire ocean floor ecosystems as they go. Even decades later, areas which have
9 been trawled remain unrecovered and their destruction undermines the entire ocean
10 ecosystem. This practice is fast damaging our oceans beyond repair; rapidly diminishing
11 many aquatic species, and causing irreversible seabed damage.

12 Another devastating practice is seabed mining; which will be used to extract minerals and
13 metals from sand on and below the ocean floor. It is still new and experimental, yet has
14 already proven it will have numerous harmful effects to the ocean. Namely, creating powerful
15 underwater noise pollution, destroying large areas of the seafloor, and expelling sediment
16 plumes which will harm mid and deep sea inhabitants for kilometres. If seabed mining
17 commences, our oceans will experience devastating biodiversity loss. We need to take a
18 strong stance against eminently destructive practices such as this. These are just two of
19 countless ways we are putting our oceans at risk. By outlawing the most destructive
20 practices we take an important step towards saving our oceans.

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22 IUSY supports the Areas of Action of the Our Ocean Conference 2022 in Palau, the Global
23 Action Plan for the UN International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture, and the

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1 Call to Protect our Pacific Ocean from the Pacific Parliamentarians Alliance on Deep Sea
2 Mining, in condemning global trends towards further exploitation of the biological and
3 mineral resources of our planet's oceans.

4 IUSY:

- 5 ● Urges all countries to ban harmful fishing practices, especially bottom trawling.
- 6 ● Urges all countries to ban deep sea mining.
- 7 ● Urges all International Seabed Authority Member States to resist the development
8 of regulations for seabed mining in all accessible fora, and support a moratorium on
9 the practice.

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