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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 78/128 by which the General Assembly decided that the 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, co-hosted by Costa Rica and France, would be organized in Nice, France, from 9 to 13 June 2025.

In accordance with paragraph 22 of the aforementioned resolution, and in consultation with the co-hosts, I will convene a preparatory meeting on Tuesday, 2 July 2024 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The preparatory meeting, to be chaired by Costa Rica and France as co-host countries of the Conference, will consider the themes for the Ocean Action panels to be held at the Conference and elements for a declaration.

Further information on the preparatory meeting will be shared in due course.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dennis Francis

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