

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

26 April 2024

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the General Assembly resolution 78/128 entitled "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", in particular, paragraph 16 of its Annex II, according to which:

"The President of the General Assembly shall also draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society and youth organizations, Indigenous Peoples' organizations, local and regional authorities, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other stakeholders whose work is relevant to the Conference, who may participate in the Conference and the preparatory meeting as observers, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, and shall submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis. The President of the General Assembly shall bring the list to the attention of the General Assembly before the preparatory meeting and, in any case, no later than April 2024, and, where applicable, shall bring another list to the attention of the Assembly before the Conference and, in any case, no later than February 2025".

In this regard, I have further the honour to enclose herewith a list of representatives of nongovernmental organizations, civil society and youth organizations, Indigenous Peoples' organizations, local and regional authorities, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector, philanthropic organizations and other stakeholders, which have applied to participate in 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, and its preparatory meeting as observers.

I intend, in the absence of any objection by **5 p.m., on Friday, 3 May 2024**, to approve the abovementioned list for accreditation.

For further details, your Office may contact Ms. Sneha Dubey, Senior Adviser for Sustainable Development and Financing for Development, Office of the President of the General Assembly by e-mail: <u>sneha.dubey@un.org</u>.

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

Dennis Francis

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