6 June 2024

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 78/128 of 18 December 2023 and with due respect to gender balance and geographical representation, I have appointed the following co-facilitators to conduct the intergovernmental consultations on a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration, to be concluded by 1 May 2025, and adopted, by consensus, at the high-level 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:

- H.E. Mr. James Martin Larsen, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations.

I would like to thank respective Permanent Representatives for accepting this important responsibility and invite them to work closely with all Member States, as well as to ensure that all relevant stakeholders participate and engage meaningfully in the consultations.

I also trust that you will all extend your full support to the co-facilitators and engage constructively throughout the process to deliver on their mandate successfully.

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

Dennis Francis

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York