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**GOBIERNO  
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New York, July 11 2024

Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-hosts of 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 (UNOC 3).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 78/128 and as communicated in the 7 March 2024 letter of the President of the General Assembly, the preparatory meeting of the Conference was convened on 2 July 2024 at the Trusteeship Council Chamber, at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York. The meeting considered the themes for Ocean Action Panels to be held at the Conference, as contained in the Secretary-General's background note for the preparatory meeting (A/78/880), and elements for a declaration.

Taking into account the views expressed by delegations, Costa Rica and France had proposed slightly revised themes and had submitted them to Member States through a silence procedure from July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm, as indicated in the letter of the co-hosts circulated by the Secretariat on July 5<sup>th</sup> and re-circulated on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Since one delegation decided to break silence procedure with respect to themes c. and d., the co-hosts have conducted further discussions to revise these themes in a constructive manner which we hope will be consensual.

Based upon further consultation, the co-hosts would like to propose the following themes, it being specified that the only adjusted themes are the ones listed below as c. and d.:

- a. Fostering sustainable fisheries management including supporting small-scale fishers.
- b. Conserving, sustainably managing and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems including deep-sea ecosystems.
- c. Promoting and supporting all forms of cooperation, especially at the regional and subregional level.

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- d. Preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities.
- e. Leveraging ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages.
- f. Advancing sustainable ocean-based economies, sustainable maritime transport and coastal community resilience leaving no one behind.
- g. Promoting the role of sustainable food from the ocean for poverty eradication and food security.
- h. Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity building, marine technology and education to strengthen the science-policy interface for ocean health.
- i. Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UNCLOS.
- j. Mobilizing finance for ocean actions in the support of SDG14.

**The abovementioned themes are now placed under silence procedure until Friday, 12 July 2024, 06:00 p.m. EST.**

The order of the Ocean Action Panels will be subject to change depending on the organizational and logistical planning.

We also would like to remind that if the silence procedure concludes successfully, the final themes will be circulated to the membership via letter of the President of the General Assembly. The Secretariat will then begin the substantive preparations, including a call for inputs to the concept papers, nominations for panelists and expression of interest in co-chairing the Ocean Action Panels.

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



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