

Bangladesh Statement at the Preparatory Meeting of the 3rd Ocean Conference
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We thank the President of the General Assembly for convening today's meeting. We also thank Costa Rica and France for their excellent leadership in their capacity as co-chairs of the Third Ocean Conference.

With regard to the background note presented by the Secretariat with suggested topics for the panel discussions to be held during the 3rd Ocean Conference, we wish to express our general support to the topics. We would like to take this opportunity to make a few comments on them:

1. First: as the 3rd Ocean Conference opens up an opportunity for new commitments, we believe, it is important to take stock of the status of implementation of the existing commitments including the voluntary commitments made by the member States and other stakeholders in the previous Ocean Conferences and mobilize further support including finance, technology and institutional capacity to expedite implementation of those which remained unfulfilled.
2. Second: we support topics that further enhance synergies between climate action and ocean action, as reflected in topic (e). In this regard, we see merit in leveraging good practices that are being applied successfully in combating consequences of climate change and in advancing disaster risk reduction at the national and regional level. One such practice is nature-based solutions, which has been mentioned by other delegations as well, can be leveraged in coastal zone management and supporting sustainable livelihood opportunities in coastal areas.
3. Third, we wish to express our strong support to the panel proposed in topic (i) on the implementation of international law for conservation and sustainable use of ocean, as reflected in the UN Convention on the Law of the Seas, as the instrument that regulates all activities in the Ocean.
4. Finally, we believe issues like financing, technology transfer, gender as well as early ratification of BBNJ agreement, and its implementation would feature in multiple panel discussions as important cross-cutting issues – which we expect to be reflected in relevant concept notes.

Before I conclude, I wish to convey my delegation's full support to the co-chairs of the Third Ocean Conference as well as to the co-facilitators of the political declaration.

I thank you.

