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Dear President of the 78th session of the General Assembly, Mr. Dennis Francis,

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 your 7 March 2024 letter, 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.

Based on these deliberations and upon further reflection and consultation, the themes for the Ocean Action Panels were put under silence procedure until Friday 15th 2024, 6pm.

We kindly inform you of the successful conclusion of the silence procedure iterating the final themes. Please find hereafter the list of the themes for the UNOC3 Ocean Action Panels which were consensually approved by the UN Member States:

- 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.
- d. Preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities.

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- 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.

As indicated to Member States in our letters dated July 3rd and July 11th, the order of the Ocean Action Panels will be subject to change depending on the organizational and logistical planning.

Please accept, Dear President of the 78th session of the General Assembly, Mr. Dennis Francis, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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