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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 78/128, which decided that the third 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 will be co-hosted by the Governments of the Republic of Costa Rica and the French Republic and will take place 9-13 June 2025 in Nice, France.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly encouraged States and international donors, as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to support the preparations for the Conference through voluntary contributions to a trust fund, in support of preparations for the Conference, and to support the participation of representatives of developing countries in the meetings of the Conference and in its preparatory meeting, , including coverage of economy-class air tickets, daily subsistence allowances and terminal expenses, with priority given to supporting representatives of the least developed countries and small island developing States.

The Secretary-General has appointed me as Conference Secretary-General and in that capacity, I am writing to seek your Government's contribution to the above-mentioned trust fund. The Conference will achieve its objectives only with the broad and inclusive participation of all Member States, and your Government's support of the trust fund will help to enable that participation.

I look forward to your favourable response and to the opportunity to working with your Government. For details on the funding requirements and the trust fund to which contributions should be sent, please contact Mr. Armin Plum (email: pluma@un.org) and Ms. Annie Wei Lu (email: lu3@un.org).

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



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