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Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you 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, to take place in Nice, France, from 9 June to 13 June 2025.

In its Resolution 78/128, the General Assembly decided that the Conference shall comprise ten Ocean Action Panels. The General Assembly further decided that each Ocean Action Panel will be presided over by two Co-Chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to be appointed by the two Presidents of the Conference.

To fulfill this mandate, Costa Rica and France have consulted closely and extensively with relevant stakeholders, taking into account elements such as the candidacies that were received, balanced regional distribution, gender representation, and the capacity to participate at ministerial level or above.

We are honored to share with you the list of twenty countries whose high level representatives will co-chair the ten Ocean Action Panels of the Conference :

Co-chairs	Ocean Action Panel	Date/Time
Brazil Greece	Conserving, sustainably managing and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems including deepsea ecosystems	Monday 9 June 10:00 am — 1:00 pm

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•	Panama Portugal	Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity building, marine technology and education to strenghten the science-policy interface for ocean health	Monday 9 June 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
•	Iceland Jamaica	Mobilizing finance for ocean actions in the support of SDG14	Tuesday 10 June 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
•	Germany Mauritania	Preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities	Tuesday 10 June 3:00 – 6:00 pm
•	Croatia Vietnam	Fostering sustainable fisheries management including supporting small-scale fishers	Wednesday 11 June 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
•	Canada Palau	Advancing sustainable ocean-based economies, sustainable maritime transport and coastal community resilience leaving no one behind	Wednesday 11 June 3:00 – 6:00 pm
•	Belgium Indonesia	Leveraging ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages	Thursday 12 June 10:00 am -1:00 pm
•	Italy Morocco	Promoting and supporting all forms of cooperation, especially at the regional and subregional level	Thursday 12 June 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
•	South Korea Tanzania	Promoting the role of sustainable food from the ocean for poverty eradication and food security	Friday 13 June 09:00 am – 12:00 pm

Co-chairs	Ocean Action Panel	Date/Time
ChileNewZealand	Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	Friday 13 June 1:30 pm— 4:30 pm

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

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