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Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen,

Dear Friends of the Ocean,

As ocean nations, we are united by a shared commitment: to safeguard healthy, productive and resilient oceans.

Healthy oceans are vital – for sustainable food systems, for climate mitigation, and for unlocking the full potential of the blue economy.

And yet, we all know that the ocean is under pressure.

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In Norway, evidence-based ocean management is the cornerstone of our blue economy.

This approach has been built over decades – anchored in science, strengthened by experience.

We believe that knowledge production and effective implementation must go hand in hand.

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Investing in ocean research is not just about knowledge.

It is about equipping ourselves with tools to meet today's challenges – and to truly take care of the ocean!

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Now is not the time to stop investing in ocean research. Now is the time to step up.

Cutting investment in ocean science is like sawing off the very branch we are sitting on.

Norway will continue to invest– through national programs, through our research institutions, and through bilateral and international partnerships.

And we urge others to do the same.

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We are now halfway through the United Nations Ocean Decade for sustainable development.

This is a pivotal moment.

Together, we can realize the goals of the Ocean Decade.

Together, we can generate the knowledge we need for the ocean we want.

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And finally; to save the ocean, we need the next generation.

We must inspire and recruit young people into the blue professions.

This calls for smart, inclusive strategies – at both the national and international level.

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Dear Ocean Friends,

The challenges are great – but so is our collective potential.

We look forward to what we will achieve together.

Thank you for your attention!

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