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I deliver this statement on behalf of OceanCare and many global civil society coalitions, representing hundreds of organisations and millions of constituents worldwide.

Scientific evidence shows clearly that we are in a climate emergency.

And yet, offshore oil and gas exploration continues. This industry not only contributes a disproportionate level to climate change, but also ocean destruction from chemical and noise pollution.

Despite clear warnings from the IPCC and the UN Emissions Gap Report, we remain trapped in a pattern of systemic contradiction—acknowledging that fossil fuels account for the vast majority of global emissions, endorsing the science, declaring commitments, yet continuing to license new offshore hydrocarbon exploration.

There is a word for this: incoherence.

This is not a policy gap. It is a governance failure.

And it is happening despite the clear objectives and targets set under SDG 13 and SDG14.

Offshore fossil fuel development is not a bridge. It is a breach—of scientific guidance, legal obligations, and intergenerational trust. Agenda 2030 is a mere 5 years away.

The incoherence must end. And it must end now.

On behalf of the 200+ international NGOs who co-signed the open letter to this Conference, we call on States to commit to:

- A global prohibition on new offshore oil and gas exploration activities, and
- A just and expedited phaseout of existing offshore extraction;

In addition, OceanCare provides a 6.Point Action Plan how the objectives of SDG14 can be achieved within our written statement.

UNOC3 must not produce another well-meaning Declaration. It must set a precedent, to truly move from words to action, to implement truly effective measures for the protection of the oceans. The science is clear. The path is clear. What is missing is genuine political commitment and implementation.

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