

## The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions – LO Norway

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### Intervention UNOC3 Ocean Action Panel 8

Thank you, mr/mdm Chair

Almost every fifth Norwegian is a member of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, LO Norway. We have long traditions for the most effective tool for democracy - namely social dialogue. Social dialogue means that government, employers' organizations and workers with their trade unions and labour organizations together discuss and find solutions for the good of society.

The labour movement has an important part in ensuring democracy, economic growth, gender equality, balanced and fair redistribution of wealth, sustainability and safety for all citizens.

The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions is affiliated to the International Trade Union Confederation, ITUC, and many of our unions are active members of the International Transportworkers' Federation, ITF. The ITF organizes more than a million seafarers and about 146.000 fishers globally. We believe that SDG 14 in general, and 14.4, 14.6, 14.7, 14 c) and SDG 8 in particular will not be achieved without the cooperation and participation of workers.

We register that workers of the ocean hardly are taken into consideration in the United Nations' Ocean Conferences. We therefore strongly encourage Parties to include fishers, seafarers and their organizations and trade unions in the themes of the Ocean Conferences, both here, but especially at home – nationally.

We would also urge Parties to note and consider the written comments from the ILO, underlining the imperative of engaging with the workers of the ocean to ensure all the pillars of sustainable development.

Thank you.