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From Commitments to Action: Implementing SDG14**

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**Background Note**

**Session IX: Promoting collaboration, cooperation and coordination among relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes**

**Background**

Apart from the contributions stemming from the work of the Communities of Ocean Action (COAs) and the inputs submitted by voluntary commitment (VC) holders, there are various relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes in support of the implementation of SDG14. For example, such initiatives and processes might include the ongoing process towards a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Global Sustainable Blue Economy Conference and the Our Ocean Conference series.

Recognizing the importance of this issue, the General Assembly in its resolution 73/292 decided that the 2020 Ocean Conference should, inter alia, share ongoing efforts, successes and challenges between relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes with a view to promoting collaboration, cooperation and coordination, as well as preventing unnecessary duplication of efforts, to ensure further efficiency and effectiveness in support of Goal 14.

**Guiding questions to frame the discussion:**

- What are the relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes and how are they linked to each other?
- What would you suggest as appropriate means or channels to promote collaboration, cooperation and coordination among relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes?
- How can the 2020 Ocean Conference promote the collaboration, cooperation and coordination among relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes?
- How can COAs and VC holders contribute to the promotion of collaboration, cooperation and coordination among relevant ocean-related initiatives and processes?