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Ambitious Intergovernmental Action via the UN Ocean Conference is a pivotal moment for the future of our Ocean. MUN Impact is a part of the NGO stakeholders of this convention and strongly believes in the youth's potential to significantly impact the problems we face today. Thus, MUN Impact has bolstered capacity on SDGs (including SDG14) in over 40000 youth across 171 countries via our Model United Nations (MUN) debates, mentoring sessions, global conferences, and leadership programs. We strongly believe in being a part of the solution amidst this turmoil in our Ocean ecosystems. Thus, on the pressing theme of the Conference: "Scaling up Ocean Action Based on Science and Innovation for the Implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions", we call upon Governments across the globe to:

- Promote SDG4 Education in primary and secondary educational institutions to spread awareness around Ocean ecosystem conservation and general practices to avoid marine pollution;
- Ensure that all impacted minorities, including but not limited to local women, and youth are included in solution implementation and that their well-being is not impacted by such solutions.
- Identify multilateral funding mechanisms for innovative startups and initiatives by youth focused on the blue economy to encourage ocean action propelled by youth;
- Focus on collaborating on an intergovernmental level for building Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and including the suggestions via advisory boards of stakeholders including but not limited to: youth, non-governmental organizations, the private and philanthropic sector, indigenous peoples, local fishers, workers and trade unions, women, academic institutions, and other stakeholders related to sustainable development.
- Collaboratively work with UNOC, UNEP and other relevant entities on eliminating plastic waste entering oceans via implementing the recent <u>UNEP international binding declaration on ending plastic pollution</u>.
- Collaborate to research sustainable alternatives to plastics and fertilizers that are both eco-friendly and financially sustainable to promote green practices to eradicate these forms of marine pollution.
- Incorporate green waste management mechanisms within corporate policies and systems to ensure waste is eradicated without contributing to marine pollution.

We thank you for the current efforts you are taking to make our Ocean ecosystems more sustainable, and we hope that your government implements these solutions with even more ambition and efficiency.

Best regards, <u>MUN Impact</u> Specially Accredited NGO stakeholder United Nations Ocean Conference 2022