



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 June 2024

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 7 March 2024, I have the honour to inform that the preparatory meeting for the **2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development** will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, 2 July 2024 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 78/128, the preparatory meeting will be chaired by Costa Rica and France as the two host countries of the Conference. The meeting will consider the themes for the Ocean Action panels to be held at the Conference with the aim of finalizing them and discuss the elements for a declaration.

A [background note](#) by the Secretary-General, including a proposal for the themes of the Ocean Action panels has been prepared in coordination with the two Presidents of the Conference, and will be issued as document A/78/880. For any queries regarding the proposed themes, the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica and France can be contacted by e-mail: [gramirez@rree.go.cr](mailto:gramirez@rree.go.cr) and [andrea.segura@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:andrea.segura@diplomatie.gouv.fr).

There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the preparatory meeting. Participating States may press the microphone button on the console in front of them should they wish to make an intervention. The time limit for statements will be five minutes for statements delivered on behalf of a group of States, three minutes for individual delegations and two minutes for UN system and accredited stakeholders.

Delegations are requested to focus their interventions on themes of the Ocean Action panels during the morning session and elements of the declaration to be adopted at the Conference during the afternoon session.

Preliminary programme for the meeting will be circulated in due course.

For further information on the preparatory meeting, your Office may contact Ms. Sneha Dubey, Senior Advisor on Sustainable Development and Financing for Development by e-mail: [sneha.dubey@un.org](mailto:sneha.dubey@un.org).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dennis Francis

The signature of Dennis Francis is written in a cursive, handwritten style in black ink.

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