



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 July 2024

Excellency,

Following 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** convened on 2 July 2024 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 78/128, I have the honour to circulate herewith a letter from H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan-Valverde, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica and H.E. Mr. Nicolas de Rivière, Permanent Representative of France, in their capacity as the co-hosts of the 2025 United Nations Oceans Conference, informing that the silence procedure for the themes of the Ocean Action Panels concluded successfully on 15 July 2024.

The final themes of the Ocean Action Panels are:

- a. Fostering sustainable fisheries management including supporting small-scale fishers.
- b. Conserving, sustainably managing and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems including deep-sea ecosystems.
- c. Promoting and supporting all forms of cooperation, especially at the regional and subregional level.
- d. Preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities
- e. Leveraging ocean, climate and biodiversity interlinkages.
- f. Advancing sustainable ocean-based economies, sustainable maritime transport and coastal community resilience leaving no one behind.
- g. Promoting the role of sustainable food from the ocean for poverty eradication and food security.
- h. Increasing ocean-related scientific cooperation, knowledge, capacity building, marine technology and education to strengthen the science-policy interface for ocean health.
- i. Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the UNCLOS.
- j. Mobilizing finance for ocean actions in the support of SDG14.

I would like to thank the co-hosts for their efforts in forging a consensus on the themes of the Ocean Action panels.

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

My sincere appreciation also goes to the delegations for their constructive engagement and flexibility.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Francis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Dennis Francis