



Republic of Cabo Verde



Australian Government

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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

We are pleased to write you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations for the 2025 UN Ocean Conference declaration. With reference to our letter dated 6 November, we enclose the zero draft of the declaration.

We would like to thank you for the very constructive and detailed input we received from groups of states, individual delegations and other stakeholders at the Preparatory Meeting held on 2 July 2024, on which we have based the zero draft.

We also thank the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs for convening a multistakeholder consultation process from 18 – 29 November 2024 to seek contributions for the declaration.

We have the pleasure to invite you to the presentation of the text and general comments on Friday 17 January 2025, followed by the first informal consultation on the text on Monday 27 January 2025.

After the first round of informal consultations, we will circulate a revised draft ahead of further consultations.

We are committed to an open, inclusive, transparent process, and count on your support and your active and constructive engagement. We stand available to meet with Member States throughout the process and encourage you to reach out to us at your convenience.

Please accept, Excellencies, assurances of our highest considerations.



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2025 UN OCEAN CONFERENCE DECLARATION TIMELINE FOR NEGOTIATIONS AS AT 13 DECEMBER

2024

2 July Preparatory meeting with Member States

November 18 – 29 Virtual multistakeholder consultation

13 December Zero draft released

2025

17 January Presentation of text and general comments

– *10am, Conference Room 1*

27 January First informal

– *10am, Conference Room 1*

30 January Rev 1 text released

10 February Second informal and new language deadline

– *10am, Trusteeship Council Chamber*

13 February Rev 2 text released

24 February Third informal

– *10am, Trusteeship Council Chamber*

27 February Rev 3 released

10 March Fourth informal

– *10am, Trusteeship Council Chamber*

17-19 March Text under silence

20 March Text provided to Secretariat for editing and translation

1 May Deadline for adoption set by modalities resolution