

Thank you, Madame Chair. Excellencies, distinguished delegates, thank you for this opportunity to take the floor.

On behalf of the [redacted] which is an [redacted] from civil society (including NGOs, scientific institutes, foundations, private sector, national and international agencies, etc.) working at the interface between science and policy to promote a better understanding of the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus: I would like to recall that

We can no longer address climate change without addressing ocean change and the latest [redacted] reminded us of the alarming prospects for the ocean.

Therefore, the very best thing that we can do for the ocean is to urgently [redacted]. And, given the current trajectories, it is crucial that [redacted].

[redacted]. In that sense, I also wanted to highlight the [redacted], in Madrid, requesting the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to conduct an [redacted] in June 2020. This dialogue should reflect the outcomes of the UN Ocean Conference.

In 2020, countries are also expected to [redacted] (NDCs) and we invite countries to include [redacted] for both adaptation and mitigation [redacted] including nature-based solutions, marine renewable energy and measures to reduce CO2 emissions from shipping.

With regards to the proposed dialogues for the Ocean Conference, we support the suggestion [redacted] and [redacted].

Thank you for your attention.