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Thank you, Madam/Mister Ambassador.

As we all know, the ocean and its resources play a vital role in global security and prosperity. But our ocean and its resources are under tremendous pressure from a variety of threats, including illegal fishing, marine pollution, and ocean acidification.

The United States remains a strong supporter of Sustainable Development Goal 14 and we view the UN Conference for the Implementation for Sustainable Development Goal 14 as one part of the overall global movement to promote the conservation and sustainable management of our ocean on the foreign policy agenda.

We are pleased to see the broad and growing interest in prioritizing concrete actio