



Dear Cofacilitators:

The Delegation of Guatemala in its national capacity is entitled to send its comments for the Political Declaration to be adopted at the Second United Nations Oceanic Conference.

We request that the following paragraph be included in the political declaration:

"We reaffirm that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea sets out the legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out, including the peaceful settlement of disputes".

We strongly believe in the principle that States shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered, in this context the peaceful settlement of disputes is a fundamental principle of the international community. It is based in the UN Charter (Article 2.3), and developed in UNGA Resolution 2625 (XXV) on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States.

Guatemala reaffirms that this important declaration has to allude to one of the most important principles.

Kindest regards,

Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations
New York