

Our ocean, our future, our responsibility

1. We, the Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives meeting in Lisbon from 2 to 6 June 2020 at the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development), based on science and innovation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions”, with the participation of civil society and other relevant stakeholders, reaffirm our strong commitment to conserve and sustainably use our oceans and marine resources. Greater ambition is required at all levels to address the dire state of the ocean. As leaders and representatives of our Governments, we are determined to act decisively and urgently to improve the health and productivity of the ocean. [\[Based on A/RES/71/312, OP1\]](#)
2. We reaffirm the commitments made in the declaration, entitled “Our ocean, our future: call for action” adopted by the high-level 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, held from 5 to 9 June 2017. [\[New language\]](#)

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Global Assessment Report We are committed to halting and reversing the decline in the ocean's ecosystems and to protecting and restoring its resilience and ecological integrity. [New language + language from A/RES/71/312, OP5]

7. We reaffirm that the 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. [Based on A/RES/74/19]
8. We recognize the importance of the work undertaken by the intergovernmental conference to elaborate the text of an international legally binding instrument under the Convention on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. [New language]
9. We also recognize the importance of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Sciences for Sustainable

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- e. Developing and implementing measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including through increasing the use of ocean-based renewable energy technologies, implementing nature-based solutions for carbon sequestration, preventing coastal erosion and preparing for ocean-related extreme weather events, [\[New language\]](#)
11. We commit to taking the following science-based and innovative actions on an urgent basis, recognizing that all developing countries, and in particular small island developing states and least developed countries, face capacity challenges that need to be addressed: [\[New language\]](#)
- a. Strengthen national data collection efforts and improve the timely sharing and dissemination of data and knowledge, as appropriate, making data widely accessible through open access databases, investing in national statistical systems, disseminating data, ensuring interoperability between databases, and synthesizing data into information for policy- and decision-makers. [\[Based on A/74/630, para 76 and A/RES/74/4, OP27\(i\)\]](#)
 - b. Enhance international cooperation to support countries that need help in addressing their constraints in access to technology, including through strengthening science, technology and innovation infrastructure, domestic innovation capabilities, absorptive capacities and the capacity of national statistical systems, in particular in the most vulnerable countries, which face the greatest challenges in collecting, analyzing and using reliable data and statistics. [D2\(i\)122u Td \(e\)9.2 \(,\)d43.6 \(4 Tw.6 D 4.2 \(u\)5 pub.6 \(ch\)-t\)-4.6 \(i\) \(a \(i9 5\)a\)-4.6 \(i\)3s](#)

- h. Increase cooperation at the global, regional and sub-regional levels in order to strengthen mechanisms for collaboration, knowledge sharing and exchange of best practices with regard to science and innovation; [\[New language\]](#)
 - i. Strengthen the science-policy interface for implementing Goal 14 and its targets, to ensure that policy is informed by the best available science, and to highlight policies and actions that may be scalable, through processes such as the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, [\[New language\]](#)
12. We commit to implementing our respective voluntary commitments made in the context of the Conference and urge those who have made voluntary commitments at the 2017 Conference to provide updates on their progress [\[New language\]](#)
13. We request the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to support the implementation of Goal 14 in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in particular by enhancing inter-agency coordination and coherence throughout the United Nations system on ocean issues, taking into consideration the work of UN Oceans [\[A/RES/71/312, OP14\]](#)
14. We know that the ocean is critical for our planet, our lives and our future. We know the ocean we want. We call upon all stakeholders to take ambitious and concerted action to accelerate implementation to achieve Goal 14 by 2030 [\[New language\]](#)