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Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

I call to order the third meeting of the preparatory meeting for the

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+ 

We shall continue our discussion on elements for a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration+

Before the floor is opened for statements, I wish to remind participants of the time limit of FIVE minutes for States speaking on behalf of a group of States, THREE minutes for States speaking in a national capacity and TWO minutes for other participants so that all requests for the floor can be accommodated+

I would therefore request speakers to keep statements as brief and succinct as possible+ Representatives with longer statements are encouraged to read a shorter version of their text and to submit their full-length statements to the Secretariat for posting on the Conference website+

I open now the floor for comments and questions+

