## Preparatory Meeting, February 5 AM

Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

I call to order the third meeting of the preparatory meeting for the !! "nited #ations \$onference to %upport the Implementation of %ustainable De&elopment 'oal ()\* \$onser&e and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable de&elopment+

- , e shall continue our discussion on elements for a brief, concise, action-oriented and intergo&ernmentally agreed declaration+
- . efore the floor is opened for statements, I /ish to remind participants of the time limit of FIOE minutes for %tates spea1ing on behalf of a group of %tates, 234EE minutes for %tates spea1ing in a national capacity and 2, 5 minutes for other participants so that all re6uests for the floor can be accommodated+

I /ould therefore re6uest spea1ers to 1eep statements as brief and succinct as possible+4epresentati&es /ith longer statements are encouraged to read a shorter &ersion of their text and to submit their full-length statements to the %ecretariat for posting on the \$onference /ebsite+

I open no/ the floor for comments and 6uestions+

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Participants are 1 indly re6uested to press the button on the console before them in order to re6uest for the floor+

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, e ha&e heard the last spea1er for this meeting+

I than 1 delegations for their attendance and participation in yet another enlightening discussion+, e /ill continue our discussion on the elements for the declaration at 9\*!! p+m+in this 4oom+2he meeting is ad:ourned+