Draft recommendations to the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly, for consideration for submission under the agenda item entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea", on the progress in the implementation of the third cycle of the Regular Process

Reiterates the need to strengthen the regular scientific assessment of the state of the marine environment in order to enhance the scientific basis for policymaking;

Reaffirms the principles guiding the Regular Process and its objective and scope, recalls the crucial importance of the Regular Process for ongoing ocean-related intergovernmental processes and its possible inputs, including for the 2030 Agenda, the development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, among other relevant processes, and notes the importance of continuing support and cooperation between the activities of the United Nations Deca