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Therefore, in order to avoid such renegotiation, we kindly request that paragraph 7 reflects the language of Paragraph 11 of the 2017 Call for Action, where UNCLOS is recognized as “the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources”.

In regards to international cooperation and the mobilization of financial resources, reflected in Paragraph 11b of the draft declaration, Colombia also sees merit in strengthening the current language. In order to avoid a lengthy negotiation in this sense, we propose to revert to the language already agreed upon in Paragraph 12 of the Call for Action of 2017.

Finally, Colombia would like to suggest that the declaration also mentions the work that the United Nations is already carrying out to implement SDG 14, such as the Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea. We see that its