

Our ocean, our future, our responsibility

1. We, the Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives meeting in Lisbon at the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development “Scaling up ocean action 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 the ocean, seas 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. [\[New language\]](#)
3. We recognize that the ocean is fundamental to life on our planet and to our future. The

decrease in some fish stocks and other marine biodiversity, as well as coastal erosion and extreme weather events, as established highlighted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in its special report entitled *The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*. We emphasize that mitigation of and adaptation to climate change represent an immediate and urgent priority to ensuring the health, productivity and resilience of the ocean and thus our future. [\[Based on A/RES/774/3, OP11, A/RES/73/232, OP1 A/RES/71/312, OP4 + new language\]](#)

6. We are deeply concerned by the findings about cumulative human impacts on the ocean, including ecosystem degradation and species extinctions and we recognize the need for

- b. Restoring fish stock to levels that produce at maximum sustainable yield and minimizing waste, unwanted by-catch and discards, through combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing including through the use of communication tools and other technological tools for monitoring, control and surveillance, as well as through the use of ecosystem-based fisheries management that protect essential habitats and promote collaborative processes for decision-making that include all

- h. Strengthen the science-policy interface for implementing Goal 14 and its targets, to ensure that policy is informed by the best-available science, and as relevant, traditional knowledge, 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, [\[New language\]](#)
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