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Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you as Co-hosts of the 2022 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, to take place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 27 June to 1 July 2022.

In its Resolution 73/292, the General Assembly decided that the Conference shall comprise eight interactive dialogues. The General Assembly further decided that each interactive dialogue will be presided over by two Co-Chairs, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to be appointed by the two Presidents of the Conference.

To fulfill this mandate, Kenya and Portugal have consulted closely and extensively with relevant stakeholders, taking into account elements such as the nominations that were received, balanced regional distribution, gender representation, and the capacity to participate at ministerial level or above.

We are honored to share with you the list of sixteen countries whose high level representatives will co-chair the interactive dialogues of the Conference:

New Zealand Seychelles	Addressing Marine Pollution	27 June, 3PM-6PM
Norway Cabo Verde	Promoting and strengthening sustainable ocean-based economies, in particular for small island developing States and least developed countries	28 June, 10AM-1PM
Spain Chile	Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems	28 June, 3PM-6PM
USA Jamaica	Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification, deoxygenation and ocean warming	29 June, 10AM-1PM
Canada Namibia	Making fisheries sustainable and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets	29 June, 3PM-6PM



France Costa Rica	Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology	30 June, 10AM-1PM
Iceland Singapore	Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	30 June, 3PM-6PM
Bulgaria Antigua and Barbuda	Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda	1 July, 10AM-1PM

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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