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The delegation of Iceland reaﬃrms its acknowledgement of the tireless eﬀorts of the Co-chairs and their wise leadership during the sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. However, with reference to our interventions during the sessions the Icelandic Delegation would like to bring to the attention of the Co-chairs a number of concerns.

The Delegation of Iceland ﬁnds itself obliged to make a strong reservation with regard to paragraph 14.c under goal 14. We could have agreed to the paragraph if it concluded after the word UNCLOS ("ensure the full implementation of international law, as reﬂected in UNCLOS. " ) As the paragraph stands, the text is unacceptable.

The Icelandic Delegation also has considerable concerns about the language in paragraphs 1.4, 5.4 and 5.a. The language is weaker than the text agreed to in Rio. In this regard we call the attention of the Co-chairs to paragraph 240 of the Río Declaration. Given the existence of agreed texts on this issue, it is our hope that this matter will turn out to be a technical issue and that the language can rapidly be aligned with the former agreed texts. We would like to seek the conﬁrmation of the Co-chairs on this matter.
Please accept, Excellencies the assurances of my highest considerations.

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