



**Statement by**

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**at**

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**of Sustainable Development Goal 14**

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## **Excellencies,**

Allow me, first of all, to thank The President of the General Assembly for convening a two-day Preparatory Meeting for the UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14, with a view to considering the themes for the partnership dialogues and elements for a “Call for Action”, and the two Co-Facilitators, H.E. Alvaro Mendonca Moura and H.E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor, for their able stewardship in overseeing the preparatory process.

Indonesia also recognizes the role of the UN Secretary-General in preparing a Background Note for the Preparatory Meeting, including a proposal for themes of the seven partnership dialogues.

The partnership dialogues are important component of the Conference.

They provide a venue for us to deliberate on efforts to support the implementation of SDG 14, including through strengthened cooperation, building on existing successful partnerships and stimulating innovative and concrete new ones.

## **Excellencies,**

Indonesia aligns itself with the statement delivered by Ecuador on behalf of the G77 and China.

Indonesia is, therefore, pleased to note that the proposed seven partnership dialogues, **in general**, have addressed all ten targets under SDG 14 in conjunction, and can serve as a solid foundation for our discussion today.

Nevertheless, we need to be cautious that the two-hour time allocation for each partnership dialogue shall be utilized effectively and efficiently to reflect and focus on the targets of the SDG 14, as excellently crafted in the Background Note.

In that regards, Indonesia views that there is still room to better reflect and focus on key points of the target within the partnership dialogue. With regard to the proposed theme 4 on Making fisheries sustainable, for instance:

Indonesia sees that the theme 4 will address issues on targets 14.4 on regulating harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practice, as well as target 14.6 on fisheries subsidies.

In order to avoid insufficient coverage to the targets 14.4 and 14.6, Indonesia, therefore, proposes a change to reflect the language of the target 14.4 and 14.6 within the theme of the partnership dialogue.

In this regard, the theme will be *“making fisheries sustainable through regulating harvesting, ending overfishing, IUU fishing, destructive fishing practice and controlling fisheries subsidies”*.

In closing, allow me to reiterate Indonesia’s continued support for the preparations and convening of the Conference as a means to provide for the implementation of SDG 14.

Thank you.