Remarks

By the co-facilitators of the agreed declaration

Of the OCEAN conference

Preparatory Meeting, February 4 PM

[Ambassador Hermann of Denmark]

I call to order the second meeting of the preparatory meeting for the 2020 United Nations Conference to upport the Implementation of ustainable ! e"elopment #oal \$4%Conser"e and sustainably use the

oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable de"elopment

' e shall no (begin our discussion on elements for a brief, concise, action)oriented and intergo"ernmentally agreed declaration&' e remind you of the mandate gi"en in #eneral * ssembly resolution +, -2. 2, that the declaration (ill focus on, and highlight science)based and inno"ati"e areas of action to support the implementation of ! #\$4&

In order to ensure that (e (ill ha"e a focused and fruitful discussion, (e circulated a set of guiding /uestions in a letter dated 2\$ @anuary&' e hope that you (ill address these /uestions in your inter"entions&

In our letter, (e as1ed the follo(ing guiding /uestions%

\$2' hat are important science)based and inno"ati"e areas of action, contributing to the conser"ation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable de"elopment, (hich could be reflected in the declaration3

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[Ambassador ! I"dong of #ala"]

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