

U.S. Comments
UN Oceans Conference Prep Meeting
Political Declaration

The United States supports the declaration and looks forward to identifying opportunities and coordinated actions we can take collectively to enhance our work on oceans issues.

The United States believes that the Conference should be inclusive, transparent, and grounded in frameworks of the 2030 Agenda and the Conference modalities resolution. This holds true for the partnership dialogues as well as the declaration.

The modalities resolution calls for a brief, concise, action-oriented, consensus declaration to support SDG 14. We embrace this approach and stress that the declaration should be succinct, accessible to a wide audience, and focused on concrete actions that Member States can take. After hearing some of the other comments this afternoon, however, where

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related to SDG 14, and would be open to seeing this incorporated in some manner in the
declaration.

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