







Plenary, to be held from 29 April to 4 May 2019. It has been prepared by 150 leading experts from 50 countries, with additional contributions from a further 250 experts.

Another important report to be finalized this year is a Special Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate. The IPCC is expected to consider the report in September 2019. For that report, more than 100 scientists from more than 80 countries are assessing the latest scientific knowledge about the physical science



advancing our knowledge of the oceans, including of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. In this respect, I note that the topic of focus for the upcoming twentieth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be

will take place here at United Nations Headquarters from 10 to 14 June 2019.

The importance of advancing ocean science cannot be overstated. For example, of relevance to the work of this Conference, last month, a team of



Madam President, distinguished delegates, I wish you every success in your discussions