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Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and gentlemen,

I call to order the third meeting of the preparatory meeting for the
United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of
Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the
oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development+ 

We shall continue our discussion on elements for a brief, concise,
action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed declaration+

Before the floor is opened for statements, I wish to remind
participants of the time limit of 10 minutes for States speaking on
behalf of a group of States, 20 minutes for States speaking in a
national capacity and 5 minutes for other participants so that all
requests for the floor can be accommodated+

I would therefore request speakers to keep statements as brief and
succinct as possible+ Representatives with longer statements are
encouraged to read a shorter version of their text and to submit their
full-length statements to the Secretariat for posting on the
Conference website+

I open now the floor for comments and questions+

