



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 April 2017

Excellency,

In accordance with paragraph 15 of annex II of General Assembly resolution 70/303 entitled “Modalities 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”, I have the honour to circulate a draft decision on the accreditation and participation of intergovernmental organizations in the Ocean Conference. The decision pertains to the accreditation of organizations identified in Note from the Secretariat (A/71/863) which is also attached for your information.

I intend to present this draft decision for the consideration of the General Assembly at the plenary meeting of the Assembly scheduled for Thursday, 20 April 2017.

Interested international organizations that were not accredited to the conferences and summits listed in paragraph 14 of annex II to Assembly resolution 70/303 may submit their application to the Secretariat by the deadline date of 15 May 2017. In this regard, please note that a subsequent draft decision will be presented to the General Assembly for accreditation of any additional intergovernmental organizations in the Conference. Further information is provided on the Conference website.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

To all Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

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Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Accreditation and participation of intergovernmental organizations in 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

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution [70/303](#) of 9 September 2016, and taking note of the note by the Secretariat,¹ decides to accredit the organizations identified in the note by the Secretariat and invite them to participate as intergovernmental organizations in the work of 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, with observer status, in accordance with paragraph 15 of annex II to its resolution [70/303](#).

¹ [A/71/863](#).



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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has received requests for accreditation from the following organizations to participate as intergovernmental organizations in the work of 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, with observer status, in accordance with paragraph 15 of annex II to General Assembly resolution 70/303:

Benguela Current Convention

International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

North Pacific Fisheries Commission

