



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13 April 2020

Subject: Draft decision entitled “2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”

Excellency,

Decision 74/544 of 27 March 2020 entered into force in the General Assembly during the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, by placing draft decision A/74/L.48 entitled “2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development” under silence procedure until 13 April 2020 at 3 p.m., it is my pleasure to inform you that the silence procedure has concluded without objections.

Accordingly, the decision is now in effect and is in effect from 3:01 p.m. today, Monday, 13 April 2020. We will take note of decision 74/548 at the next plenary meeting of the General Assembly, which is slated at the United Nations Headquarters.

Also find enclosed the explanatory statement issued from March 2020 regarding this decision.

I avail of this opportunity to express my solidarity with Member States who are fighting COVID-19 and extend my best regards and good health to all.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest regards.

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

Subject: Explanation of Chilean position on Draft decision entitled "2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development" (A/74/L.48)

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The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations, dated of 7 April 2020, circulated by the UN Documented Office of the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations Session of the General Assembly, on the draft resolution entitled "2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserving and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for a sustainable development" contained in document A/74/L.48.

After its commitment, Chile would like to inform the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations about its efforts to host the Second Conference on Oceans.

Regarding the decision of the General Assembly to celebrate the 2020 UN Conference on Oceans, Chile's decision does not imply the cancellation of this important event.

Chile has a strong commitment to the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and seas, which are key to the development of its resources and generates its communities. Chile has already proposed to co-facilitate the Conference.

Finally, the Permanent Mission of Chile wishes to point out that, as COP26 have also been postponed, the climate change will take place in 2021. Therefore, the Conference on Oceans (SB52), held in May 2021, will be part of the Paris Agreement process with the UN Ocean Conference, which remains open to other contributions.

The Permanent Mission of Chile

Tijjani Muhammad, Ambassador, President of the Security Council

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