

Statement ocean resolution

Dear Mister Chair, dear distinguished delegates, dear colleagues,

We are honored and happy to present to you the resolution “Strengthening ocean efforts to tackle climate change, marine biodiversity loss and pollution”, number UNEP/EA.6/L.18.

The text is a result of joint efforts of the delegations engaging during this UNEA and reflects a shared understanding of the critical challenges facing our marine environments. It encourages Member States to adopt and implement crucial instruments for the protection and conservation of our marine and coastal environments. It further requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to strengthen the regional seas programme and, through this programme, to support Member States where requested. Lastly, it invites the secretariats of the regional seas conventions and action plans to support their parties in engaging in international settings.

In adopting this resolution, we will reaffirm our dedication to sustainable ocean-management and ocean-preservation. Let this moment be a stepping stone towards a future where our actions today foster a healthier, more resilient ocean for tomorrow. We thank Costa Rica, our co-proponent, as well as Chile, Barbados, Ghana, and Ukraine, the co-sponsors, and all the member states around the table, which worked together, until the very last minute, for this outcome. This was a team effort, thank you to the ocean team.