



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 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 letter from His Excellency Mr. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji and Her Excellency Ms. Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden, as Co-Presidents of The Ocean Conference announcing the Co-Chairs for the Seven Partnership Dialogues of the Conference.

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

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

Peter Thomson

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



4 April 2017

Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as Presidents 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, 'The Ocean Conference'.

According to resolution 70/303, the Presidents of the Conference are mandated to appoint the co-chairs that will preside over the seven partnership dialogues of the Conference. The selection includes one co-chair from a developing country and one co-chair from a developed country. To fulfill this mandate, Sweden and Fiji have consulted closely with relevant stakeholders, taking into consideration elements including balanced regional distribution, gender representation and the capability to participate at ministerial level.

We are honored to present the following fourteen co-chairs:

Norway Indonesia	Addressing marine pollution	Theme 1
Italy Palau	Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems	Theme 2
Monaco Mozambique	Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification	Theme 3
Canada Senegal	Making fisheries sustainable	Theme 4
Estonia Grenada	Increasing economic benefits to SIDS and LDCs and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets	Theme 5
Iceland Peru	Increasing scientific knowledge, and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology.	Theme 6
Australia Kenya	Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	Theme 7

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Isabella Lövin

Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister, Sweden

Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama

Prime Minister, Fiji