

Madame Chair,

Distinguished Excellencies,

Honorable Colleagues,

1. For a number of years, the Indonesian government has spearheaded a number of initiatives and playing an active role in raising awareness on environmental and climate change issues.
2. Since 2017, every year, Indonesia have been organizing the Archipelagic and Island States Forum
3. In 2018 the “Manado Declaration” was adopted, focusing on innovative solutions to achieve SDGs, with the following emphasis:
 - Climate adaptation & mitigation
 - Blue economy & tourism
 - Marine plastic debris
 - Good maritime governance
4. In October of last year, Indonesia organized of the 1st High Level Forum of the Archipelagic and Island States participated by 32 countries and 4 international organizations with a Leader’s Declaration, Highlighting the urgent need for more actions in addressing the adverse effects of climate change.
5. During Indonesia’s G20 Presidency in 2022, **the Bali Leaders’ Declaration provided Recommendations on Promoting Ocean-based Solutions to Climate Change with the following priorities**
 - Strengthen cooperation for the generation of ocean-based solutions
 - Promote nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches: blue carbon storage and blue carbon accounting
 - Enhance science-policy interfaces
6. Last year, during the 79th Session of the Commission....
 - ➔ Indonesia, together with the Maldives and Fiji, co-sponsored Resolution 79/2.... to **accelerate ocean-based actions to combat climate change**....
7. On these important notes, Resolution 79/2 requested for the UN ESCAP to convene a regional dialogue to discuss these issues further...

8. As part of this process, the Indonesian government will host an Ocean Policy Dialogue....

→ in the margins of the 7th Asia-Pacific Day for the Ocean.... on 23 September 2024 in Bangkok.

→ with the aim to deliver a voluntary regional initiative to be submitted to the 2025 UN Ocean Conference.

9. Next month on 18th to 25th of May 2024, Indonesia will be hosting the 10th World Water Forum in Bali-Indonesia. More than 100 countries comprising of heads of states/governments, international /regional organizations and development partners, experts as well as the private sector will be present to address some of the pressing global issues of our time.

10. We hope to work closely with ESCAP in strengthening environmental cooperation and ocean-based climate action.

Thank you. Terima kasih