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Co-Chairs,

My delegation joins others in conveying sincere congratulations to you both on your appointment to preside over the 19th session of the Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea. We have every confidence in your able leadership and guidance as we look to the forthcoming deliberations on what is a significant and timely discussion on anthropogenic underwater noise.

My delegation wishes to underscore the points already made by the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the Group of 77 and China, which have both articulated the importance that developing countries attach to the ICP. Jamaica, therefore, is supportive of the proposed agenda for the meeting. As both groups have noted, it will be essential that the supporting mechanisms allow for effective science and policy interface and so we look forward to the discussions to be undertaken by the panels, with sufficient scope for expertise from across different regions and sub-regions to be brought to bear on our overall discourse.

We also are fully aligned with respect to the points already made about the significance of countries, in a position to do so, to support the Voluntary Trust Fund. To this end, it is our hope that the Fund will be resourced in a manner that will enable developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs, to avail themselves of the opportunity to be present once the substantive meeting gets underway.

I wish to close by assuring you of my delegation's full support for the forthcoming ICP.