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Bali Declaration

Bali Declaration on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities

We, the representatives of 60 Governments and the European Union, having met in Bali, Indonesia, on 31 October and 1 November 2018 at the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities,

Acknowledging the achievements of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities and recognizing the role that it has played in the prevention of the degradation of the marine environment from land-based activities,

1. *Agree* to continue work on:

(a) Enhancing the mainstreaming of the protection of coastal and marine ecosystems, especially from the environmental threats caused by increased nutrients, wastewater, and marine litter and microplastics;

(b) Enhancing capacity-building, know-how and knowledge sharing through collaboration and partnerships involving governments, the private sector, civil society and experts at the regional and global levels in the protection of coastal and marine ecosystems from land-based activities and sources of pollution;

2. Note that the follow-up work of the Global Programme of Action should include, subject to future discussions on the form and implications:

(a) Continued efforts relating to the three pollution streams – nutrients, wastewater and marine litter and microplastics from land-based sources – in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a framework for sustainable development;

(b) Strengthening of the Global Partnership on Marine Litter, the Global Partnership on Nutrient Management and the Global Wastewater Initiative, as well as the interlinkages between the partnerships;

(c) Improvement of the coordination, engagement and support of the work with Member States on land-based pollution, and fostering of linkages with the Regional Seas Programme and other relevant platforms and international initiatives for effective delivery;

(d) Continued efforts to combat pollution from nutrients, wastewater, and marine litter and microplastics from land-based sources in an integrated manner, and the inclusion of the land/sea and freshwater/seawater interfaces in action plans for addressing marine litter, wastewater and nutrients;

(e) Encouragement of the exchange of information, practical experiences and scientific and technical expertise through cooperative and collaborative action and partnership among governmental institutions and organizations, communities, the private sector and non-governmental organizations having relevant responsibilities and/or experience;

3. *Agree*, on the basis of the discussions held at the fourth Intergovernmental Review Meeting and the documents provided for that session, to work, during the intersessional period leading up to the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, on the function, form and implications (including legal, budgetary and organizational) of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, including the future of the intergovernmental review process and the work currently coordinated by the Coordination Office of the Global Programme of Action;

4. *Request* the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme to present, for this purpose, an analysis of options and alternatives for the overall programme and the associated coordinating mechanism, including consideration of the following elements:

(a) Legal aspects

(b) Financial/budgetary aspects

(c) Organizational coordination

(d) Stakeholders: convening and mandate setting;

5. *Express our gratitude and appreciation* to the Government and people of the Republic of Indonesia for successfully hosting the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities.

Bali, 1 November 2018
