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Thank you Madam Facilitator,

This intervention is being given by Greenpeace.

Since this is the first time we take the floor let us also congratulate you on your appointment.

Madam Facilitator you have asked for specific suggestions about capacity building. We have heard a lot of good ideas.

In the plenary, we drew attention to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology.

We suggested that they should:

Firstly - establish or strengthen programmes for scientific and technical education, and training in conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, in particular in developing countries.

Secondly -also inform the design and conduct of scientific research, preferably with developing country partners where possible, in cooperation with institutions of such countries, and developing capacity for such research in fields where they are needed.

As Costa Rica pointed out, this also helps us achieve Sustainable Development Goal 14, and particularly the target to “increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology.

Specifically, we also need to achieve the implementation of IOC 2003 “Criteria and Guidelines on Transfer of Marine Technology”

We suggest that these, and the other suggestions made by delegations, would help develop capacity building.

Thank you Madam Facilitator