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Distinguished Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Greetings from the International Seabed Authority in Jamaica.

It is a pleasure and an honour to deliver this short message on the occasion of the 2020 Global Ocean Regime Conference. I congratulate the Korea Maritime Institute and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries for organizing the conference and enabling these important discussions to take place online.

I had the pleasure of attending this conference in the past and I am sorry that I am not able to be with you this year. Looking at the level of expertise represented over the next two days, and in the different sessions, I am confident that the conference will produce insightful suggestions and recommendations.

Considering the status of the law of the sea and global ocean governance today, it is more important than ever to engage with one another in open dialogue and exchange of views. It is good to see that the agenda places special emphasis therefore on the role of experts in the law of the sea and their engagement with issues of global ocean governance.

I firmly believe that the key to ensuring the sustainable management of marine resources, whether living or non-living, for our common benefit is the consistent and uniform implementation of international law as reflected in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

I wish you well in your deliberations. I look forward to the outcomes of the conference, and I look forward to joining you in person at a subsequent event.
