

## **Proposal from Indonesia, Fiji, Costa Rica, Seychelles, Panama, and Palau to better integrate ocean-climate issues within the UNFCCC**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* the importance of the ocean, including as an integral part of the Earth's climate system and for both mitigation and adaptation,

*Noting* the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate,

*Being conscious of* needing to take into account existing UNFCCC processes addressing various aspects of the ocean-climate nexus, i.e., the interface of ocean and climate issues,

1. *Highlights* the need to:
  - a. Raise the profile of the ocean-climate nexus;
  - b. Ensure that key ocean-climate issues are addressed;
  - c. Promote coherence in addressing ocean-climate issues both under the UNFCCC and between the UNFCCC and other international processes;
  - d. Increase knowledge on, and the capacity to address, ocean-climate issues and the protection and conservation of the ocean and of ocean and coastal ecosystems;
  - e. Further mobilize appropriate mitigation and adaptation action at the ocean-climate nexus under the UNFCCC;
  - f. Mobilize ocean-related actions, such as adaptation of marine ecosystems and mitigation in the maritime sector within the Global Climate Action Agenda;
2. *Requests* the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to convene a dialogue on the ocean-climate nexus during its fifty-second session (June 2020) to consider, inter alia, key issues in this nexus and the most effective arrangements for considering those issues under the UNFCCC, with a view to addressing the needs referred to in paragraph 1 above;
3. *Invites* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to submit via the submission portal, by [March 31, 2020], their views on the issues referred to in paragraph 1 above for input to the dialogue referred to in paragraph 2 above;
4. *Invites* representatives of other international processes, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity and others working on ocean-climate issues, to present reports on how those processes take account of the ocean-climate nexus during the dialogue referred to in paragraph 2 above;
5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to make recommendations, as appropriate, on the needs referred to in paragraph 1 above, taking into consideration the outcomes of the dialogue referred to in paragraph 2 above, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-sixth session (November 2020).