



Protecting Climate-Resilient Coral Reefs: A High-Level Global Commitment

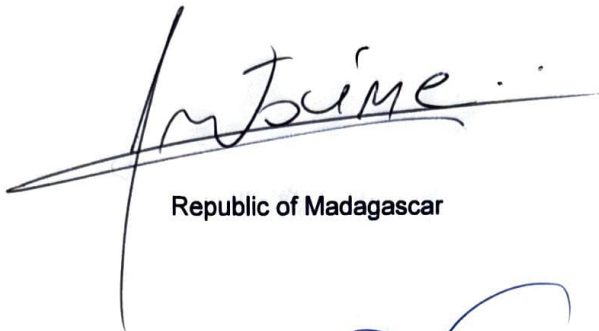
We, the Heads of Delegation and other delegates to the Third United Nations Ocean Conference, recognize that coral reefs are among the most biologically diverse and socio-economically valuable ecosystems on Earth, providing food, livelihoods, coastal protection, and cultural identity to over a billion people. Yet, these ecosystems are under increasing threat from climate change and other human pressures.

In the face of this crisis, we commit to urgent, science-based, and measurable action to protect the world's most climate-resilient coral reefs—those with the greatest potential to survive and support the recovery of reef ecosystems in a warming world. At the same time, we reaffirm the vital importance of more vulnerable reef systems, which also require immediate investment and protection to support ecosystem function, human well-being, and equity.

We will:

- Integrate coral reef conservation into national biodiversity and climate strategies, including NBSAPs, NDCs, and relevant development plans, ensuring alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Paris Agreement.
- Prioritize climate-resilient reefs within 30x30 commitments by identifying and protecting reefs most likely to persist and serve as recovery sources for the future.
- Strengthen national coral reef action plans and monitoring systems, building on existing mechanisms to reduce local threats, measure progress, and guide adaptive management.
- Enact and enforce policies to reduce land-based pollution, eliminate destructive and illegal fishing, and manage coastal development to minimize cumulative stress on reef ecosystems.
- Mobilize financing and build capacity, with emphasis on community leadership, Indigenous and traditional knowledge, and technology transfer.
- Partner with Indigenous people and local communities, as well as other stakeholders, to ensure that coral reef solutions are equitable, inclusive, and grounded in place-based stewardship.

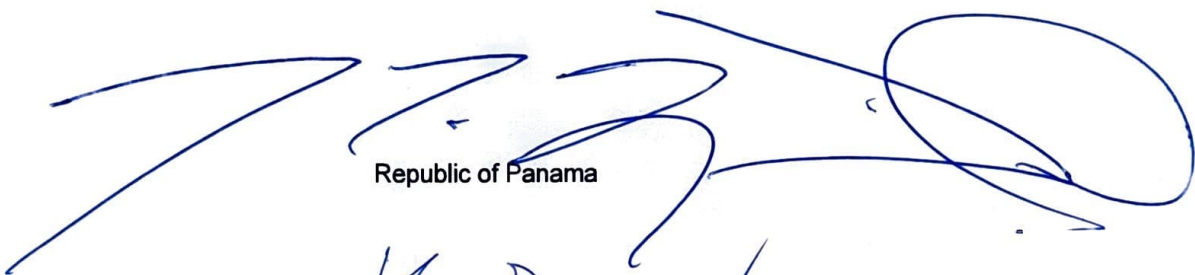
By acting together and anchoring our efforts in science and equity, we will help ensure that coral reefs—especially those most resilient to climate change—continue to safeguard marine biodiversity, strengthen national climate adaptation, and support the people who depend on them for generations to come.



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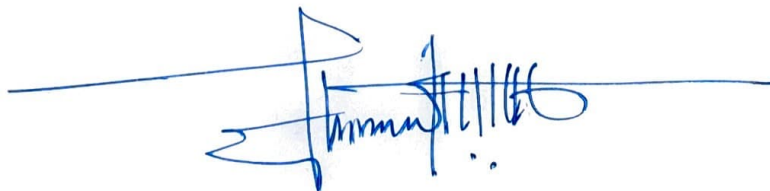
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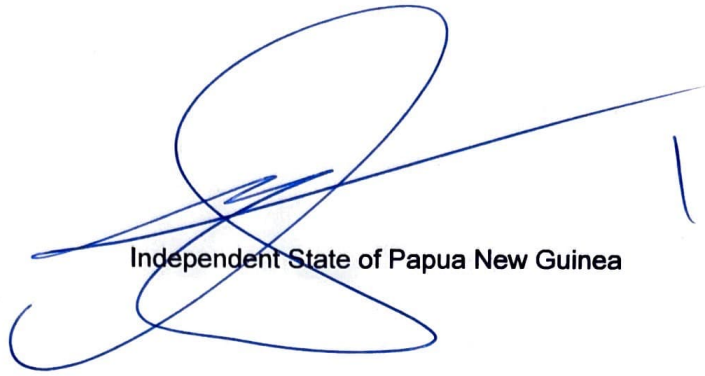
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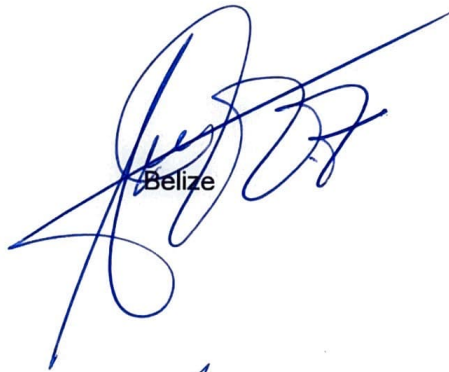
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