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Subject: Release of the *Global Ocean Science Report 2020 (GOSR2020)*

It is truly a privilege for me to communicate information on the recently-released Global Ocean Science Report 2020 – *Charting Capacity for Ocean Sustainability*. The 2nd edition of this flagship publication of IOC and UNESCO was launched on 14th December 2020 on the occasion of the online event dedicated to the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Commission.

Since 2014, the IOC has been working on the preparation of the Global Ocean Science Report as part of its mandate (IOC/EC-XLVII/6.2 and IOC-XXVIII/5.1). GOSR2020 is the result of a truly global endeavour with 45 Member States contributing to the GOSR2020 questionnaire, and many more represented in bibliometric, technometric and gender specific analyses, and with an Editorial Board of 12 (5 female, 7 male) members from 12 countries, and 35 authors from all five IOC electoral groups and 19 reviewers.

Based on data collected from around the world, the GOSR2020 offers a global record of how, where and by whom ocean science is conducted. By analyzing the workforce, infrastructures, equipment, funding, investments, publications, data flow and exchange policies, as well as national strategies, the GOSR monitors our capacity to understand the ocean and seize new opportunities.

In its second edition, the GOSR addresses four additional topics: contribution of ocean science to sustainable development, blue patent applications, extended gender analysis and capacity development in ocean science. The GOSR2020 is a resource for policymakers, academics and other stakeholders seeking to assess progress towards the sustainable development goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, in particular SDG target 14.a on scientific knowledge, research capacity and transfer of marine technology. The GOSR provides the information for the indicator of target 14.a, as the proportion of total research budget allocated to research in the field of ocean science. The GOSR2020 not only provides consistent reference information at the start of United Nations Decade

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for Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030), it also evolves as a living product with the development of a dedicated [GOSR Portal](#) that we hope will facilitate national submissions, analysis of data, storage and access to GOSR2020 information. The GOSR2020 and the GOSR Portal would not be possible without the financial and in-kind support from the Republic of Korea, Belgium, Kenya, Ireland, Norway, Sweden and the UK.

The full report, in English, as well as the executive summary available in the six official UN languages, can be accessed through its dedicated webpage: <https://gosr.ioc-unesco.org/report>.

A limited number of paper copies will be available at headquarters and distributed upon request to IOC Member States.

The analysis, findings and recommendations of the GOSR2020 will be presented through a series of virtual webinars organized from March to June 2021. Further information will be shared on the IOC and GOSR2020 websites, as well as through the social media channels of the Commission.

For further information about the GOSR, please contact Dr Aricò at s.arico@unesco.org.

I take the opportunity of this letter to personally thank you for your ever-growing support and engagement in the preparation of this major endeavour.

With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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