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Excellency,

On behalf of the Republic of Portugal, the Republic of France, the European Union, and the High Seas Alliance, we have the pleasure of informing of our intention to organize a high-level side event taking place during the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Portugal, from 27th June-1st July, 2022.

This side event entitled “*Protecting the Ocean: Time for Action*” will highlight the efforts of the High Ambition Coalition on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ HAC) - launched in Brest, France, at the One Ocean Summit - toward bringing high-level political will and action toward concluding an ambitious BBNJ Treaty in 2022 (<https://bit.ly/3sPkKib>).

The side event will entail a 75-minute session, taking place on **Thursday 30 June 2022**, from 17:30-18:45, in side-event room 1, within the Blue Zone of the Ocean Conference.

We kindly ask you to bring this information to the attention of your Head of Delegation to the UN Ocean Conference.

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