



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30 June 2017

Dear Ms. Seidel,

I'm writing to thank you and your team for bringing the exhibition "Ocean Peoples" to The Ocean Conference which was held at the United Nations Headquarters on 5-9 June 2017. The "Save Our Ocean" exhibition brought together many different partners to showcase the beauty of the Ocean, to artistically demonstrate the challenges it faces and to present innovative and local solutions. The joint exhibition contributed in a unique way to the success of the Conference, and visitors to the UN have throughout the month of June continued to enjoy the chance to learn more about the Ocean through the exhibits.

The conference resulted in a massive work plan emanating from governments, multilateral agencies, science, business and civil society joining together to help save life in the Ocean. Now the real work begins, with the true success of the conference being how we carry forward key outcomes and sustain the positive global momentum towards a full implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14. Rest assured that follow-up analysis and planning is now underway at the United Nations to galvanize that success.

I thank you for your dedication to raise public awareness about the Ocean.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson', written in a cursive style.

Peter Thomson

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