

Resolution presented by the delegation of

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Theme 2030 Agenda for sustainable development

Concern scientists predict that even if global warming is maintained at 1.5°C, up to 90 per cent of coral reefs might disappear by 2050 due to prolonged heatwaves.

The General Assembly,

Alarmed that the loss of coral reef ecosystems has profound impacts on biodiversity in our ocean, and also the livelihoods and safety of hundreds of millions of people around the world,

Recognising that about 25 to 50% per cent of the world's coral reefs have been destroyed and another 60 per cent are under threat,

Apprised that coral reefs face a wide and intensifying array of threats—including impacts from overfishing, coastal development, agricultural runoff, and shipping,

Ensuring the survival of coral reefs is thus important for the health of our ocean, but also for the survival and wellbeing of humanity as a whole,

Decide to mitigate local threats to coral reefs and reduce climate-related pressures on coral reefs ;

- Encourage member states to implement and enforce stricter regulations against overfishing and destructive fishing practices, particularly in regions where coral reefs are most threatened ;
- Call upon member states to reaffirm and strengthen their commitments to limit global warming to 1.5°C, as it will reduce heat stress on coral reefs.

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