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Dear Sirs, Madams:

Climate change motivates us to act immediately and as governors we have the responsibility that climate action should not be just a paper speech. I greatly appreciate the support that you have given us and will give us, so that this new and necessary Coco Marine Conservation Area will be an exemplary measure to mitigate the effects of climate change and contribute to improve the health of marine ecosystems.

Costa Rica is demonstrating to the world that conservation efforts and the fight against climate change are two fundamental pillars for the protection of people's lives and the sustainability of economies within the framework of post-pandemic recovery. In this sense, expanding the protection of the oceans and their biodiversity is of vital importance for the survival of the planet.

At the last COP26, I was able to express to you my greatest desire that Costa Rica be an ally to adequately conserve the marine corridor of high ecological importance located in the Eastern Tropical Pacific. With the decision we are making we ratify our commitment to the international community and especially aligned with our leadership around the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, whose goal is to promote the protection of 30% of our planet by 2030.

We have reached 30% early, but we are a country that has much more ambition to protect the oceans. So, your support, and that of local organizations, will propel us to take this fight to new heights to improve the resilience of our oceans and to effectively implement new marine protected areas.

I thank you for your extraordinary efforts today demanded by our marine ecosystems and the populations that depend on these resources.

I bid you a fond farewell,

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