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Dear Prime Minister

### **United Nations Global Oceans Treaty**

We are writing from the UK Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) to congratulate HM Government for announcing a moratorium on deep sea mining. This is very welcome news.

At the same time, in advance of the King's speech, WILPF reminds HM Government of the need to find parliamentary time to ratify the new United Nations Global Oceans Treaty, which will not enter into force without 60 ratifications. The UK was among the 76 nations that signed the Treaty three months ago. The Treaty gives governments the opportunity to actually reach the vital "30x30" ocean protection target and to create a network of ocean sanctuaries across the globe. The aim is to protect 30% of the oceans by 2030.

WILPF also sees the Global Oceans Treaty as part of the fight against the climate crisis by locking away carbon and providing a source of food for many people, particularly in the global south. We perceive the current climate emergency – which is displacing people and creating refugees, and causing severe challenges to women, peace and security – to be a serious cause of global conflict that will impact everyone. WILPF is working towards climate justice, so we very much welcome any government actions that will help to mitigate the climate crisis.

We look forward to hearing that a debate on the ratification of the Global Oceans Treaty is part of the new parliamentary programme.

Yours in peace

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