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Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

Mizuho Signs Business Call to Action at Third United Nations Ocean Conference

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (President & CEO: Masahiro Kihara) has signed onto a Business Call to Action at the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), held in Nice, France, over five days beginning June 9. This marks the first time that a Japanese financial institution has become a signatory to such a commitment, which aims to achieve sustainable marine environment conservation.

The Business Call to Action in question is a declaration led by the World Economic Forum (WEF), United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), and other international organizations. It calls for promoting business actions that support the prosperity of the global economy by promoting the sustainable use of the ocean. The call to action was officially announced on June 8, World Ocean Day.

Given that oceans cover three quarters of Earth's surface, contain 97 percent of the planet's water and represent 99 percent of the living space on the planet by volume, they play a vital role in the Earth's ecosystems. Oceans also provide important natural resources such as food and are integral to economic activity. However, oceans face significant challenges, including declining fish stocks, rising sea temperatures, acidification, and widespread pollution.

Moreover, addressing key environmental issues such as climate change and promoting resource circulation (circular economy), natural capital, and biodiversity requires comprehensive actions that incorporate both individual efforts and consideration of interconnected dynamics (synergy and trade-offs). The blue economy, which includes marine efforts, intersects these environmental challenges. Through engagement with the blue economy, Mizuho seeks to actively drive the transition to a sustainable society while overcoming interconnected environmental issues.

Under its corporate purpose of "Proactively innovate together with our clients for a prosperous and sustainable future," Mizuho is committing to the realization of sustainability by signing the Business Call to Action. As a stakeholder responsible for

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maintaining marine health, Mizuho aims to collaborate with various partners in co-creating solutions for sustainability.

About the United Nations Ocean Conference

First held in 2017, the United Nations Ocean Conference aims to accelerate initiatives for ocean sustainability. The Third United Nations Ocean Conference, scheduled from June 9 to June 13, 2025, is being held in Nice, France, under the theme “Accelerating Actions and Mobilizing All Stakeholders for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Oceans.”