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- **SYNERGY BETWEEN UNCLOS and SDG 14c:**
  - General Assembly resolution 71/257 *UNCLOS sets out the legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out*
  - SDG 14.c *Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want.*

- **UNCLOS can benefit LLDCs in achieving SDG 14c**
Right of access – Freedom of transit (Part X of UNCLOS)

- **Landlocked States:**
  - Right of access to and from the sea
  - Freedom of transit through transit States: transit terms and modalities to be agreed upon
  - Ships shall enjoy treatment equal to that accorded to other foreign ships in maritime ports

- **Transit States:**
  - prohibition to impose financial burdens on traffic in transit
  - obligation to avoid/eliminate delays or other technical difficulties to traffic in transit
Rights (Uses) SDG 14.c

- Navigation
- Fishing
  - High seas
  - EEZ (surplus)
- Laying of pipelines and cables
- Construction of artificial islands, installations
- Exploration and exploitation of Area

✓ Marine scientific research SDG 14.a
✓ Transfer of marine technology SDG 14.a
✓ Increase economic benefits SDG 14.7

Duties SDG 14.c

- Duties of flag State (safety, security, labour, prevention of pollution)
  - SDG 14.1, 14.2, 14.3
- Conservation and management of living marine resources
  - SDG 14.4, 14.6
- Protection and preservation of the marine environment, including prevention, reduction and control of pollution from all sources
Other benefits and duties

- Benefits derived from activities in the Area
- Benefits derived from payments and contributions made by coastal States arising from exploitation of non-living resources on the continental shelf beyond 200 M
- Settlement of disputes
- Participation in bodies established by UNCLOS
  - International Seabed Authority (ISA), including Council
  - International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)
  - Arbitral tribunals, Conciliation Commission
  - Commission on the Limits on the Continental Shelf
- Payment of assessed contributions to ISA and ITLOS
DOALOS and capacity-building

- Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship Programme
- UN-Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme and Alumni Network
- Technical Assistance and Training Programmes

Trust Funds
- ICP TF
- CLCS TF
- ITLOS TF
- Regular Process TF
- Fish Stocks TF
- BBNJ TF

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