**Submission of proposals related to the Further revised draft text of an agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction**

**Template**

*Please fill out one form for each article which your delegation(s) or group(s) wish(es) to propose, amend or delete.*

1. **Name(s) of Delegation(s) and/or Group(s) making the proposal in the order that they should be listed in any conference room papers or other documents:**

CLAM

1. **Please indicate the relevant part of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5) that this proposal relates to, using the drop-down menu below.**

PART III MEASURES SUCH AS AREA-BASED MANAGEMENT TOOLS, INCLUDING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

1. **Please indicate the relevant article of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5) that this proposal relates to (if applicable) or indicate if this is a proposal for an additional article**

ART. 18

1. **Kindly provide the amendments to the article that are being proposed in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the article that are being amended or deleted - examples are attached for reference.**

2. (…) The secretariat shall make that proposal publicly available and facilitate consultations thereon as follows:

(a) States, in particular adjacent coastal States, shall be **notified and** invited to submit, inter alia:

(i)  Views on the merits of the proposal;

(ii)  Any relevant [additional] scientific inputs;

(iii)  Information regarding any existing measures in adjacent areas within national jurisdiction;

(iv) Views on the potential implications of the proposal for areas within national jurisdiction;

(v) Any other relevant information;

(b) Bodies of relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies shall be **notified and** invited to submit, inter alia:

(i)  Views on the merits of the proposal;

(ii)  Any relevant [additional] scientific inputs;

(iii)  Information regarding any existing measures adopted by that instrument, framework or body for the relevant area or for adjacent areas;

(iv) Views regarding any aspects of the measures and priority elements for a management plan identified in the proposal that fall within the competence of that body;

(v) Views regarding any relevant additional measures that fall within the competence of that instrument, framework or body;

(vi) Any other relevant information;

1. **Rationale for the proposal, if any.**

CLAM also proposes to add, in paragraph 2 (a) and (b), the expression "notified and", between "Shall be" and "invited". The wording would then read as follows: "(a) States, in particular adjacent coastal States, shall be notified and invited to submit, inter alia:" (b) Bodies of relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies shall be notified and invited to submit, inter alia:" For CLAM, the use of the expression "notified" is important, as it signifies a necessary formality in the consultation process, since it formally informs the States and the IFBs about it.