**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:**

African Group

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- 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**

Article 14- Introduction of a new chapeau

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.**

Proposed Chapeau for Article 14:

‘Area Based Management Tools including Marine Protected Areas will ensure long term conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction through, inter alia, the following objectives:’

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

An overarching chapeau will future proof this part of the treaty and maintain the possibility of adding new objectives.