**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:**

REPUBLICA DE NICARAGUA

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

PART IV ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

1. **Please indicate the relevant article of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/51) that this proposal relates to (if applicable) or indicate if this is a proposal for an additional article**

Article 22

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.**

**Article 22  
Obligation to conduct environmental impact assessments**

1. Parties shall , as far as practicable, assess the potential effects [on the marine environment] of projected activities under their jurisdiction or control [in accordance with their obligations under articles 204 to 206 of the Convention].

2. On the basis of articles 204 to 206 of the Convention, Parties shall take the necessary legislative, administrative or policy measures, as appropriate, to implement the provisions of] this Part\.

3. The requirement under this Part to conduct an environmental impact assessment applies to all activities that do not fall into the competence of any relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional or sectoral bodies and] have an impact in areas beyond national jurisdiction].

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

To ensure compliance with Resolution 742/249 that mandates that this process and its result should be fully consistent with the provissions of UNCLOS and should not undermine existing relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional and sectoral bodies and promote collaboration and secure universal participation, this agreement should include provissions that: a) Understands that decisions adopted by specialized bodies prevail on the matters of their competence; b) Avoid any action that may imply a sign of interference with the competences and procedures of the corresponding specialized body c) encompasses all projected activities

1. Currently available as an advance, unedited, version on the website of the IGC: [Fifth substantive session (un.org)](https://www.un.org/bbnj/fifth_substantive_session) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)