**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**

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PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

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 4, paragraph 3

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.**

3. This Agreement shall be interpreted and applied in a manner that respects the competences of and does not undermine relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies and that promotes collaboration with those instruments, frameworks and bodies.

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

Resolution 742/249 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. Article 4 refers to the relationship between the Agreement and thoses instruments bodies and frameworks, therefore, there must be a clear provision that, recognizing the competences of specialized bodies, prevent this Agreement from invading other bodies´competences. Nonetheless, as a system under UNCLOS, it seems appropriate to recall that there should be mutual collaboration between the frameworks and bodies and the institutional framework arising from this Agreement

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)