**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.*

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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 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 6

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. Parties shall cooperate under this Agreement for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, including through strengthening and enhancing cooperation with and promoting cooperation among relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies and members thereof in the achievement of the objective of this Agreement.

2. Parties shall promote international cooperation in marine scientific research and in the development and transfer of marine technology consistent with the Convention in support of the objective of this Agreement.

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 refrain from imposing mandates for its Parties to be engaged in other frameworks as it would imply interferences in the specialized processes held in these frameworks. Since cooperation is what the system should promote, the brackets in paragraph one must be opened to ensure that members to those bodies and frameworks are also welcomed and required to observe a positive conduct for ensuring conservation and sustainable use of the marine biodiversity un areas beyond national jurisdiction.

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)