**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**

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:**

United Arab Emirates

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.**

Preamble

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 *PREAMBLE*

 *The Parties to this Agreement,*

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including the obligation to protect and preserve the marine environment,

 *Stressing* the need to respect the balance of rights, obligations and interests set out in the Convention,

*Recognizing* the need to address, in a coherent and cooperative manner, biodiversity loss and degradation of ecosystems of the ocean, due to, in particular, climate change, pollution and overuse,

 *Stressing* the need for the comprehensive global regime to better address the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction,

 *Recalling* the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and affirming that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as diminishing or extinguishing the existing rights of indigenous peoples and local communities,

 *Desiring* to act as stewards of the ocean in areas beyond national jurisdiction on behalf of present and future generations,

 *Respecting* the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all States,

 *Desiring* to promote sustainable development,

 *Aspiring* to achieve universal participation,

 *Have* *agreed* as follows:

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.**

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*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including the obligation to protect and preserve the marine environment,

 *Stressing* the need to respect the balance of rights, obligations and interests set out in the Convention,

 *Recognizing* that the principles adopted in the Rio Declaration on environment and development play an important role in the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity,

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

Recognizing the 27 principals adopted in the RIO conference 1992.