**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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United States of America

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PART IV ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

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Article 41bis

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.**

41bis.1 The Scientific and Technical Body shall develop [guidance] [guidelines] for consideration and adoption by the Conference of Parties on:

41bis.1(a) The consideration of the non-exhaustive factors for environmental impact assessments set out in article 24(2);

…

41bis.1(e) The nature and extent of new information or changed circumstances that would require a supplemental environmental impact assessment;

…

41bis.2 The Scientific and Technical Body may also develop [guidance] [guidelines] for consideration and adoption by the Conference of Parties on:

41bis.2(a) An indicative non-exhaustive list of activities that normally[require] [or] [do not require] an environmental impact assessment that shall be periodically updated through consultation and collaboration with relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies;

41bis.2(b) The assessment of cumulative impacts in areas beyond national jurisdiction and how those impacts should be taken into account in the environmental impact process for planned activities;

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

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