**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:**

CARICOM

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.**

PART VI INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. **Please indicate the relevant article of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5) that this proposal relates to (if applicable) or indicate if this is a proposal for an additional article**

*Article 48.2 bis*

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.**

The Conference of the Parties shall meet at the seat of the Secretariat or at the Headquarters of the United Nations, or such other place as it may decide and, when circumstances so require, hold special sessions. Special sessions shall be convened by the Conference of the Parties on its own initiative or at the request of one third of the States Parties.

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

Specific provisions on the place of meeting and possible special sessions of the Conference of the Parties will provide clarity on an important element of the work of the Conference of Parties. The proposal will also address some concerns relating to the designation of the Secretariat and be an enabler for the flexibility that may be required.