**Submission of proposals during BBNJ IGC-5**

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Core Latin American Group (CLAM)

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PART VI INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. **Please indicate the relevant article of the Revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5) that this proposal relates to or indicate if this is a proposal for an additional article. If the proposal is for an additional article, please indicate where the article is to be inserted by citing the article that will immediately precede the proposed additional article.**

Article 49. Scientific and Technical Body.

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. The Body shall be composed of experts nominated by Parties acting in personal capacity , taking into account equitable geographical representation, the need for multidisciplinary expertise and gender balance.including expertise in relevant traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities, The terms of reference and modalities for the operation of the Body, including its selection process and the terms of members’ mandates, shall be determined by the Conference of the Parties.

4. Under the authority and guidance of the Conference of the Parties, the Body shall provide scientific and technical advice to the Conference and perform the functions assigned to it under the different parts of this Agreement and its corresponding Annex, and such other functions as may be determined by the Conference.

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

Given the material complexity of the four thematic packages that the BBNJ instrument will be regulating, CLAM considers it necessary that the experts to be elected have the technical capacity in the four packages of the instrument.

Regarding paragraph 2, CLAM supports the fact that the Body is composed of experts nominated by the States Parties, acting in their individual capacity, but notes that this specialty should go hand in hand with equitable geographic representation.

The functions of the Organ can be developed in an annex. If there is not a general reference to the functions of this body, we will transfer the debate to the COP on what the body can or cannot do. CLAM proposes to do it in an Annex since it will be easier to update according to the needs of the instrument.

In any case, CLAM sees this Body as an advisory body, but not as a decision-making body.