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

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Core Latin American Group (CLAM)

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PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

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 6. International cooperation

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.**

Article 6. International cooperation.

1. 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 in the achievement of the objective of this Agreement.

2. A Party that is also a party to a relevant legal instrument, framework, or global, regional or sectoral body, shall promote the objective of this Agreement when participating in decision-making under that other instrument, framework or body.

3. Parties shall cooperate 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.**

The group favors the inclusion of the three paragraphs that make up this article with some minor modifications.

In paragraph 1, the group favors the elimination of the reference "as members thereof" because it is considered that cooperation with the relevant instruments and organizations occurs through their members and it would be repetitive to place them in a separate category.

In paragraph 2, the reference to "shall endeavor to promote" should be deleted and changed to a specific action with the word "shall promote".

For paragraph 3. In line with the group's position on the CBTMT chapter, our delegations consider that Parties are obliged to cooperate within the framework of UNCLOS and this BBNJ instrument. The group considers that cooperation is not optional or subject to promotion, but must be translated into concrete actions, therefore deletion of "promote international cooperation" and that the article be read as "Parties shall cooperate".