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Agenda item 5: General exchange of views

Statement by the Micronesian delegation

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Madam President

Thank you, for your hard work and brilliant leadership throughout the IGC process. Our appreciation as well goes to the Bureau Members, the Facilitators and Colleagues in the room who worked hard and contributed meaningfully and constructively towards progressing our negotiations.

May I also align this statement with the statements previously made by the distinguished delegates speaking on behalf of G77 and China, AOSIS and the Pacific SIDS.

Madam President,

There is no doubt on the importance of what we try to accomplish in the BBNJ negotiation process. The whole world is watching us here in the UN Headquarters in New York, with interest and anticipation on what we as the conference of leaders, advocates and stewards of life in the Ocean will put in place in order to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction. We sincerely thank you for the inclusive and transparent manner in which you have steered our work.

We are of course disappointed that IGC5 has not concluded, but we commit ourselves to the successful conclusion of our work when this session reconvenes, most likely early next year. We endorse the way forward you have outlined. We welcome your “Further Refreshed Text”, which was released earlier today. May we ask how you are planning to reflect the significant progress made today, which needs to be captured in order to continue our work when IGC5 resumes?

Thank you.