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

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Article 18.5

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.**

5. The Consultation period shall be time-bound, where appropriate. The consultation shall begin as early as possible and shall not be concluded until all the concerns about the proposals, as referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, have been resolved properly.

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

The establishment of ABMTs relates closely to the rights and obligations of the States, and the competence of other international frameworks and organizations, etc. Some issues raised by the stakeholders may be complex and need more time to be addressed. So it is inappropriate to prejudge the consultation period. What’s more, all concerns received in consultation period should be dealt with in a responsible manner .Only through this way could the proposal proceed smoothly in the following steps and gain broad support by the international community .