



**Statement by**  
**The Head of the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia**  
**At the**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Conference on the Conservation and**  
**Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National**  
**Jurisdiction**

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**Thank you Madam President**

At the outset, please allow me to congratulate the newly elected member of officers of the Bureau. We further also would like to express our appreciation to the Secretariat for their excellent arrangement in support to this meeting. I am confident that under your leadership Madam President, this Inter-Governmental Conference will have fruitful results.

Indonesia also aligns itself to the statement made by distinguished delegate from Egypt on behalf of G-77 and China.

**Madam President,**

Indonesia welcomed the outcome of the organizational meeting of the IGC that was held on 16 – 18 April 2018 thus we all can be here to work together to reach one step closer to have an international instrument to regulate activities in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

As our delegation stated a number of times during the Preparatory Committee, Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction is indeed a twenty first century issue that requires the constructive approach by the international community to

address this issue in a sustainable manner and with regard to the interest of all humankind.

**Madam President,**

Our Delegation would like also to express our sincere gratitude that you have prepared the President's Aid to Discussion. We are of the view that that the document has covered substantives and pertinent aspects that serve as a solid basis for our discussion in constructing zero draft of the Instrument. Furthermore, we consider the documents managed to include the concern of all nations including the coastal states like Indonesia.

In that regard, our delegation would like to highlight that there are issues in relations to the conservation and sustainable use that are rather relevant to the geographic condition of Indonesia and also many other countries.

Activities in the areas beyond national jurisdiction will have a direct impact to areas under our jurisdiction and vice versa. Pollution as well as conservation and management of living resources will be a particular concern.

In this regard, Indonesia would like to once again reiterate our position that the new legal instrument should respect the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of coastal States over their continental shelf, including beyond 200 nautical miles.

Looking at the possible overlapping jurisdiction, as well as the need to achieve a balanced international legally binding instruments, Indonesia believes that under your leadership we can move forward the debate and to consider the possible middle ground such as in the form of a *sui generis regime* in the area in question.

**Madam President, Excellencies and Distinguished colleagues,**

Reconciling interests between States with opposite views in ocean affairs is a challenging task, but not impossible. For instance, we have seen how our

predecessors creates the archipelagic sea lane passage to balance the archipelagic state needs.

We are of the view that the instrument should be concluded as soon as possible for the longer we wait the more lacuna exist.

Finally, Madam President, allow me to conclude by reaffirming Indonesia's readiness to fully participate in this important process and stands ready to support you in discharging your mandate in leading this IGC.

I thank you.

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