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Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits

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1. The informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits, held on 15 and 16 August 2022, addressed articles 10, 10bis, 11, 11bis and 13. Generally, I welcomed the active engagement of delegations and willingness to identify mutually acceptable solutions.
 - Several proposals were made to streamline and restructure Part II by re-arranging elements of articles 10, 11, 11bis and 13, regarding the modalities for notification and benefit-sharing. In light of delegations' desire to jointly find a way forward and the common elements of various proposals, I encouraged small group discussions. In particular, I invited the United Kingdom to lead informal discussions towards grouping notifications at different stages in a chronological order.
 - Noting different views on the inclusion of paragraph 6 of article 10 and its link with paragraph 2 of article 9, I invited interested delegations, including the African Group, the EU, PSIDS, Singapore and others, to consider how to re-frame this paragraph.
 - I noted general support for article 10bis on which several drafting proposals were made. I invited the cross-regional proponents of this article to convene small group discussions to address these proposals.
 - In relation to article 11, delegations expressed their preference towards one of the two options and made a number of drafting proposals. I noted the openness of delegations to consider elements of both options in order to move forward, noting that the options are not mutually exclusive.
 - In relation to article 11bis, while many delegations, including some groups of States, expressed their support for the establishment of an access and benefit-sharing mechanism, some delegations noted that relevant mandates could be undertaken by other institutional arrangements.
 - In relation to article 13, delegations shared views on the two options and made drafting proposals. They also discussed the potential role of various institutional arrangements regarding monitoring and/or transparency.
2. When the informal informals reconvene tomorrow, we will hear back from the small groups on their discussions and consider article 8, terms relating to this Part under article 1, as well as article 12.
3. I would also add that everyone agreed that they would be willing to roll up their sleeves and do as much work as possible. I would encourage that work be continuous and sturdy so that it would build momentum towards finding agreement on this Part.