**Submission of proposals related to the Further revised draft text of an agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction**

*Please fill out one form for each article which your delegation(s) or group(s) wish(es) to propose, amend or delete.*

1. **Name(s) of Delegation(s) and/or Group(s) making the proposal in the order that they should be listed in any conference room papers or other documents:**

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1. **Please indicate the relevant part of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5) that this proposal relates to, using the drop-down menu below.**

PART III MEASURES SUCH AS AREA-BASED MANAGEMENT TOOLS, INCLUDING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

1. **Please indicate the relevant article of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5) that this proposal relates to (if applicable) or indicate if this is a proposal for an additional article**

Article 18: Consultations and assessment of proposals

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.**

1. Consultations on proposals submitted under article 17 shall be inclusive,
transparent and open to all stakeholderss.

4. The proponent shall consider the contributions received during the consultation
period and may revise the proposal accordingly or continue the consultation
process.

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

We believe that paragraph 1 with the wording “all stakeholders” adequately captures the sentiment that consultations shall be inclusive, transparent and open to all, without having to qualify the words “stakeholders” and adding a list. We continue to believe that paragraph 2 can be streamlined by collapsing the long list. We are comfortable with elements it contains, but believe repetitions can be reduced without dropping any particular item. Monaco submitted a streamlining proposal in writing at IGC4 and we are flexible. We also have a substantive proposal in paragraph 4.