

Preparatory Commission for the Entry into Force of the 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 and the Convening of the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement

Second session

New York, 18-29 August 2025

Registration information

States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

I. Participation

1. In resolution 78/272 of 24 April 2024, the General Assembly decided to establish a Preparatory Commission (“the Commission”) to prepare for the entry into force of the 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 (“the Agreement”) and to prepare for the convening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement. In accordance with paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Commission shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

II. Credentials

2. States that have not yet submitted the original hard copy of the credentials for the Commission, or that may wish to update their credentials, are kindly invited to deliver the credentials of their representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3. A scanned copy of the credentials, as well as other communications containing the names of the representatives to the Commission (such as letters and notes verbales from the Permanent Missions), should only be submitted through the online platform “e-Credentials”, under the tab “BBNJ Agreement preparatory commission”, which can be accessed through the e-delegate portal <https://edegate.un.int>. **Email submissions of scanned copies of the credentials will not be accepted.** For enquiries, please contact: ecredentials@un.org.

III. Issuance of United Nations grounds passes

4. To obtain United Nations grounds passes, Permanent Missions in New York may submit their requests via the online “e-Registration system” at <https://edelegate.un.int>. Information regarding the e-Registration system can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>. Online requests for registration to the second session of the Commission must be received by **1 August 2025**.

5. The focal point will be notified of the registration approval(s) via email. A hard copy of that email must be presented by the participant together with a valid passport or government photo ID to the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit (located on the ground floor of the FF Building, at 320 E. 45th Street) for the issuance of a United Nations grounds pass.

6. The second session of the Commission will be held in person at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Formal meetings of the session may be webcast, for viewing only, through UN Web TV: <https://webtv.un.org>.

IV. Information on the composition of delegations

7. Permanent Missions are kindly requested to enter the names of members of their delegations participating in the second session into the “e-List of Participants” module in the e-deleGATE portal by **1 August 2025**.