

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

Template

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:**

International Union for Conservation of Nature

- 2. Please indicate the relevant part of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5¹) that this proposal relates to, using the drop-down menu below.**

Preamble

- 3. Please indicate the relevant article of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5¹) that this proposal relates to (if applicable) or indicate if this is a proposal for an additional article**

Preamble

- 4. 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.**

P2: Stressing the need to respect the balance of rights, obligations and interests set out in the Convention, as well as the rights and interests of future generations and marine life to a healthy, productive and resilient ocean;

¹ Currently available as an advance, unedited, version on the website of the IGC: [Fifth substantive session \(un.org\)](https://www.un.org/development/desa/ia/igc/)

P3: Recognizing the need to address, in an urgent, coherent and cooperative manner, biodiversity loss and degradation of ecosystems of the ocean, due to, in particular, climate change, pollution and overuse;

P7: *Respecting* the sovereignty, sovereign rights, territorial integrity and political independence of all States;

P8: *Desiring* to ~~promote~~ ensure that any future development and use of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction [and their resources] are sustainable and do not cause further biodiversity loss or degradation ~~development~~,

P9: *Aspiring* to achieve universal participation but recognizing the need to also lead by example;

5. Rationale for the proposal, if any.

The principle of intergenerational equity suggests it is time to consider the rights and interests of future generations of humankind as well as ocean life in preventing the further erosion of options for a healthy, productive and resilient ocean across generations. What we do today will affect the availability of options for the future.

It is similarly important to recognize the seriousness of threat and need for timely and urgent action to enhance climate resilience and prevent further loss of biodiversity or environmental degradation.

And while it is admirable to aspire to universal participation, it will be essential to construct the Agreement to enable progress even absent 100% consensus to prevent further environmental degradation and biodiversity loss.

Finally, we suggest specifically noting “sovereign rights” as these are different to sovereignty under UNCLOS and are noted in articles 4bis, 9, 19, 34 and 55 of the draft text.