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**Intergovernmental conference on an international
legally binding instrument 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**

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4. Support and secretariat services are provided by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs, which can be reached by email at doalos@un.org.

III. Participation

5. Pursuant to resolution [72/249](#), the conference shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the Convention.

6. Also pursuant to resolution [72/249](#), the following entities or organizations are entitled to participate as observers are entitled to participate in the conference in the capacity of observer:

(a) Organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly pursuant to its relevant resolutions to participate, in the capacity of observer, in its sessions and work;

(b) Interested global and regional intergovernmental organizations and other interested international bodies that were invited to participate in any of the following conferences and summits:

(i) World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(e) Relevant specialized agencies, as well as other organs, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system.

IV. Credentials

7. As indicated in the notes verbales convening the resumed fifth session, dated 6 December 2022, States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the Convention that wish to participate in the resumed fifth session of the conference and did not previously submit credentials for the fifth session aUk-7L.5(i)-2.5(t8)

Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs) by email to Bingzhuo Li at bingzhuo.li@un.org, with copy to doalos@un.org and denise.ward@un.org.

14. The list of participants from NGOs will be based on the information provided through the registration form on Indico.

VII. Documentation and statements

15. The agenda and the provisional programme of work for the meeting, as well as other working documents, will be made available in all official languages on the website of the conference (www.un.org/bbnj). Delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices to download and view the relevant documentation. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management will provide documents-on-demand services (e.g. printing of documents and assistance with access to online services) through the Documents Assistance Centre (Secretariat Building, room S-1B-032).

16. Delegations are invited to submit their statements in PDF format by email to estatements@un.org. When sending statements, delegations should indicate the name of the meeting, the date of delivery and the speaker in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting but no later than two hours before delivery, and should not be submitted in hard copy. Statements submitted by email should appear in the eStatements part of the meeting announcement in the Journal of the United Nations. Delegations should indicate in the subject line and in the body of the email whether the statement is for the use of interpreters only or should also be posted online. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery. The eStatements services are only available for the duration of the meeting. Statements submitted after 3 March 2023 will not be posted on eStatements.

17. Permanent Missions may submit their statements in PDF format by email to the secretariat at doalos@un.org to be posted on a dedicated page of the conference website. When submitting statements to the secretariat, delegations should identify themselves and indicate the name of the meeting, the agenda item and sub-item to which the statement relates (e.g. informal informals on environmental impact assessments) and the date of delivery, as appropriate, in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement.

VIII. Interpretation

18. The official languages of the conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

19. Statements made in the plenary in any official language will be interpreted into

the official text of the statement and will be used by the United Nations interpreters as the basis for interpretation into the other official languages. When a written text is provided, the delegation concerned should make available to the interpreter someone who knows the language in which the statement is to be delivered and the official language into which it has been translated, to guide the interpreter through the translated text and ensure synchronization between the speaker and the interpreter. Detailed arrangements for interpretation from non-official languages, including access by non-United Nations interpreters to the interpreters' booths in conference rooms, must be made in advance to the Meetings Management Section.

X. Media access arrangements and services

28. Media representatives in possession of a valid United Nations grounds pass will be allowed to cover the conference without additional accreditation, within the limits of allowed room capacity. All others will be asked to apply for accreditation in advance of the conference. Media accreditation is reserved strictly for members of the press (print, photo, radio, television, film, news agencies and online media) who represent a bona fide media organization. Applicants are required to complete an online form, available at <https://indico.un.org/UNHQ/#media>. All members of the media who submit a registration form will be required to complete an online form.

40. United Nations Television and Video will provide live pool coverage of the conference's public meetings and official press briefings. Live television feeds will be available through commercial carriers (see www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/)

XIII. General considerations in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and medical services

48. As a condition of entry to the Headquarters complex, all participants confirm (by swiping their United Nations-issued identification card) that they have not had