HIGH SEAS ALLIANCE STATEMENT

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The greatest opportunity in a generation to conser ve ocean life and biodiversity on a global

scale and safeguard two thirds of the world’s ocean is happening right now. Today we enter the second week of the resumed 5th session of negotiations for a new treaty for

the conser vation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national

jurisdiction (ABNJ). There are only a matter of days left to secure an historic outcome for the

planet and peopl�͐

As we reflect on week one of the negotiations, it ’s key for governments to prepare themselves for a very busy week two. A key message from the NGOs that are cheering from the sidelines is to increase discipline and ambition, keep eyes on the ball, and speed up the game! There is no
more time for unhelpful delaying tactics or pursuing well intentioned but contentious text

preferences. We all depend on a healthy ocean and must work together now to get this treaty

into the back of the net by Friday night!