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a critical means of avoiding the hamstringing of time sensitive repair activities with lengthy EIA review processes.

Third, regardless of the option chosen, the BBNJ instrument should permit project proponents or states to designate as confidential certain data in EIA reports that may be competitively sensitive or involves national security considerations and to prohibit the public disclosure of such information so designated.

Fourth, consistent with the ICPC's view that EIAs should consider assessment of certain socio economic impacts of a proposed activity and its alternatives, the ICPC also supports Option II, Paragraph 1(f), Sub Option A. The ICPC notes that national laws and practices in many states, including that of the United States, consider socio economic impacts in EIAs so long as the minimum environmental impact threshold is exceeded and so long as the socio economic impacts are closely tied to changes in the marine environment, on the grounds that productive harmony between human activities and the environment, and fulfillment of social and economic requirements, are of central concern.

Fifth, the ICPC does not support Option II Paragraph 1(q), which would provide for a ~~the~~ provide states, for
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