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7. Capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

This intervention is being given by Greenpeace and on behalf of The Pew Charitable Trust, WWF, NRDC and the High Seas Alliance.

Mr Chair, in addressing capacity building and the transfer of technology, States should give priority to establishing means for the full implementation of Part XIV of UNCLOS on the development and transfer of marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology.

We believe that these initiatives should establish or strengthen programmes for scientific and technical education, and training in conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, in particular in developing countries. They should also inform the design and conduct of scientific research, preferably with developing country partners where possible, in cooperation with institutions of such countries, and developing capacity for such research in fields where they are needed.

Mr Chair, the Sustainable Development Goal 14 includes as a target to “increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries.”

This makes it clear, as a number of delegations have said this morning, that capacity building and the transfer of marine technology can help support the environmental objectives of the agreement.

Thank you.