

Thank you Mr. Chair, good morning delegates

This statement is delivered by Greenpeace on behalf of the High Seas Alliance

First of all, we wish to align ourselves with the statement made by IUCN and support the views expressed by Algeria on behalf of the Africa Group, Costa Rica, Argentina and others about the need for a global mechanism. We also welcome Fiji's and New Zealand's comments yesterday on mainstreaming transparency in the new instrument.

We have already expressed our views on the need of a strong global institutional arrangement to implement the ambition of the new Instrument. We join Algeria for the African Group, Costa Rica, Norway, Japan and the Philippines in suggesting that DOALOS acts as the Secretariat, and note that they would need to be adequately resourced to do so.

We would also like to join Nauru for the PSIDs and Costa Rica in highlighting the need for an effective compliance mechanism at the global level, and like the Philippines we suggest that this would also include the creation of a technical compliance committee responsible for monitoring and reviewing the implementation of, and compliance with measures adopted under this Instrument and provide advice and recommendations to the Conference of the Parties. We believe that this could facilitate technical assistance, such as requesting Parties to submit an action plan on compliance with the Instrument and taking such other non-judicial, consultative or responsive measures designed to achieve compliance.

Thank you Mr. Chair