Thank you Chair,

This intervention is delivered on behalf of Greenpeace
We will be very brief.

With your indulgence we would like to go back quickly to section VII on Implementation and then one on non-Parties

Greenpeace suggests that the new instrument should also address the issue of non-Parties.

To give one background, for instance, Parties could request non-Parties whose activities, flagged vessels or nationals operate in areas covered under the instrument, including in Marine Protected Areas designated under the new Instrument, to become Parties or to agree to cooperate fully in the implementation of measures adopted by the Instrument.

Under section VIII, we would like to suggest adding a sentence such as “establish transparent, accessible and effective dispute settlement provisions”. As we envisage these provisions, Mr Chair, these could include non-binding compliance and dispute mechanisms, similar to those used in the Aarhus and Espoo Conventions, which can be constructive and non-confrontational in facilitating compliance.