



### ***Intervention***

#### **Prepcom - 1 April 2016 afternoon Working Group: Area Based Management Tools**

Thank you Mr Facilitator and good afternoon delegates

We too welcome your appointment as facilitator.

I am speaking for Greenpeace, The Pew Charitable Trust, NRDC, WWF, Oceancare and the High Seas Alliance.

We agree with Brazil, Singapore and others that area based management tools are broader than marine protected areas, but marine protected areas must be clearly and precisely defined.

The widely accepted definition of protected area is the IUCN definition, which is *“A clearly defined geographical space, recognised, dedicated and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values.”*

That definition appears in the 2012 [“Guidelines for Applying the IUCN Protected Area Management Categories to Marine Protected Areas.”](#)

In this connection we were pleased to hear the discussion of this definition by Japan, Micronesia and New Zealand, among others, and, as we have just heard, IUCN itself.

We believe that it is important to unpack this, like Micronesia, but it is also important to take it as a whole, as it is well established and has underpinned the establishment of many protected areas around the world.

Mr Facilitator, the critical part of this is that it is “recognised, dedicated and managed,” ... “to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values.”

The definition is not only specific and clear, but it is broad enough to encompass many different categories of protected areas.

The definition is expanded by six management categories (the first one with a sub-division), summarized below. They are:

1a Strict nature reserve:

Ib Wilderness area:

II National park:

III Natural monument or feature:

IV Habitat/species management area:

V Protected landscape or seascape:

VI Protected areas with sustainable use of natural resources:

Mr Facilitator, it is important to consider that the category should be based around the primary management objective(s), which should apply to at least three-quarters of the protected area – the 75 per cent rule.

Thank you Mr Facilitator