

Thank you Mr Chair.

This intervention is on behalf of Greenpeace International and the HSA.

We wish to express our support of the Costa Rica/Monaco submission,

We note and join the convergence with the elements proposed by Thailand on behalf of G77 and the EU and South Africa on behalf of the African Union. We agree with the EU that the commonalities are striking. We also note similarities with China's intervention.

There seems to be agreement that elements of a marine protected area proposal are:

(i) the spatial boundaries of the MPA;

(ii) an evaluation of the current state of the marine ecosystem and a description of ongoing human activities in that area

(iii) a statement of the conservation objectives to be achieved by establishing the MPA; and

(iv) management measures through which those objectives will be achieved and of the plan for monitoring, enforcement and review of the MPA once established.

To this we can add three broader objectives:

Firstly the contribution of an MPA to the objective to improve ocean resilience;

Secondly the need to consider representative networks of protected areas.

and thirdly a timeframe for the adoption of the MPA network.

We propose that these elements could be included as elements of convergence, if delegates agree.

Thank you