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Agenda item 72 (a)

### Oceans and the law of the sea: oceans and the law of the sea

#### Singapore: draft decision

### **Intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction**

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution [72/249](#) of 24 December 2017, in which it decided to convene an intergovernmental conference, under the auspices of the United Nations, to consider the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee established by resolution [69/292](#) of 19 June 2015 on the elements and to elaborate the text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea<sup>1</sup> on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, with a view to developing the instrument as soon as possible, its decision 76/564 of 23 May 2022, in which it decided to convene a fifth session of the conference from 15 to 26 August 2022, and its resolution [77/248](#) of 30 December 2022, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene the resumed fifth session of the conference from 20 February to 3 March 2023, taking note of the decision of the conference, at its resumed fifth session, to establish an open-ended informal working group tasked with ensuring the uniformity of terminology throughout the text of the draft agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction finalized at that session and with harmonizing the versions in the six official languages of the United Nations, and taking note also of the decision of the conference to resume at a later date once the open-ended informal working group has completed its work, with a view to adopting the Agreement, requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary support and services to the open-ended informal working group and to convene a further resumed fifth session of the conference on 19 and 20 June 2023, tentatively, or on a date to be determined in consultation with the President of the conference, not in parallel to a plenary meeting of the General Assembly, and provide it with full conference services.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.

