BBNJIGC4 Friday 18 March 2022 UK Concluding Comments

Thank you Madam President. Under your able leadership and with the support of our Facilitators and the Secretariat, the United Kingdom has felt a strong sense of purpose in our work over these two weeks.

Delegations have worked hard in this room and in the many informal gatherings that have brought together different delegations and regional groups.

We are grateful to the many delegations who came with a willingness to understand the differing positions, to work on text that can bridge those differences and, crucially, to heed your call on Day One, Madam President, to focus on direction, not detail.

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We have also listened carefully to the discussion on CBTMT and the call for greater certainty that support will be available to those that need it. We continue to support GEF becoming the core funding mechanism for BBNJ capacity building, not least because it could provide support for implementation before the first CoP meets. We remain committed to continuing to discuss these critical issues with colleagues across