

Canada greatly appreciates this opportunity to make an opening statement at this first substantive session of the BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference. This is a pivotal moment that brings us all

main challenges currently
provided by our oceans, and we
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we can succeed in better protecting and managing our oceans, and keep them healthy and productive for present and future generations, not only for Canada, but for the global community as a whole.

Canada is ready to proceed, and committed to actively contributing with an open and constructive spirit.

Thank you, Madame President.