

Statement: First session of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the UN convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

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'adam (resident)

From the outset let me align myself with and express full support for the statements made by the distinguished delegate of Egypt on behalf of # and China) the distinguished delegate of Algeria on behalf of the African Group) and the distinguished delegate of Bangladesh on behalf of the Least Developed Countries.

Let me join others in congratulating you on your appointment as (resident of the Intergovernmental Conference on marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.

I am sure with your able leadership we will be able to make substantial progress towards establishing a legally binding instrument to govern marine biodiversity in , %N&.



One have full confidence in your able leadership! that you will be able guide us and lead us to a successful outcome.

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Let me reiterate that we cannot afford to lose the status quo. One need measures in place to make sure that 75 percent of the planet will be sustained in 40 years.