



Statement of the European Union and its Member States

at the Intergovernmental Conference on environmental liability
instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Madam President,

The new format of informal informals together with the Informal Working Groups served us well at this session for a first reading of the substantive part of the draft. We support a stronger role for the Facilitators in promoting greater interaction between delegations in order to achieve more concrete progress on key issues on which we still have divergent views. As we said in our opening statement ~~last week we remain supportive of parallel meetings. The outcome of these~~

meetings should continue to be reported back to all delegations at the level of the Informal Working Groups and the Plenary. It is essential that all delegations continue to have a good ~~overview of the negotiations that take place in different formats so that we can take stock of the~~

biodiversity, such as the assessment report of the Intergovernmental Science-Basis Panel

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, there is a clear sense of urgency. Our overarching objective is the conservation and sustainable use of the world's oceans. The European Union and its Member States are strongly committed to working with all delegations to achieve an ambitious, transformative and implementable BBNJ Agreement.

Let me conclude, Madam President, by reiterating our full support for you in guiding us forward.