

Statement of India on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Mr. Facilitator

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to take the floor.

On the topic of EIAs, our delegation aligns with the position expressed by Egypt on behalf of the Arab League and wishes to present the following points on the clusters identified by you for consideration.

As regards the EIA, the Convention provides guidance in part II of the convention particularly under Articles 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Considering the delicate nature of marine biodiversity and marine environment in coastal activities in the coastal zone, EIA should be provided there is no duplication or it does not undermine the existing framework or regulations provided in the other relevant instruments. The present state of scientific understanding on the possible impacts on marine biological diversity is not adequate and hence EIA plays a critical role on the protection of the marine environment and