4.3.2 Designation Process

New Zealand Intervention

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Consultation on and assessment of the proposal

Support Option 1

<u>Paragraph 2</u>: The list of stakeholders in Option A is comprehensive. We support a combination of Options A and B, for clarity and flexibility. New Zealand supports the recognition of the special circumstances of small island developing states, including in relation to how consultation takes place.

<u>Paragraph 7</u>: With respect to who should review the proposal from a scientific and technical perspective, our objectives are to ensure proposals are effectively and objectively reviewed by experts with relevant knowledge and expertise, that the roles and accountabilities of those experts are clearly set out in the treaty; and it occurs in a cost-effective and efficient manner. New Zealand prefers Option A, because we think this role is best carried out by a scientific and technical body, and because it incorporates the expertise of relevant regional and sectoral bodies. Options B or C could also work with modifications.

Decision making

We support Option I.

Paragraph 1: The matters specified in Options A and B (that the decisi[p)-3(t.c01 763(ing)4()]TJET