

**Statement by H.E. Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong  
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on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States**

**Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the  
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use  
of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction  
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Good afternoon dear excellencies and colleagues,

Madame President,

I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the twelve Pacific Island Developing States

difficult exercise in particular since it aims to put \_\_\_\_\_ e on a path to the preparation of  
to at the April 2018 procedural meeting.

We believe your Aid has done this and we applaud your attempt at striking a balance between the