



... discussion in the intergovernmental Conference on an international
Legal Binding Instrument to Implement Disasters and Emergencies

Jurisdiction

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Ms. ... President

... discussion in order to guide us towards the draft text

account that our objective is reaching an international legally binding

instrument as soon as possible.

According to the First Global Integrated Marine Assessment of the United

Nations, areas beyond national jurisdiction cover an estimated forty-five per cent of the surface of the earth, sixty four per cent of the surface of the ocean and contain ninety-five per cent of its volume. Much is unknown about this area, as only an incredibly tiny fraction of it has been explored. However, we do know that the biodiversity of the deep-sea supports ecosystem processes without which the natural systems of Earth would not be able to function. Through this instrument, we can take a step towards ensuring that these resources will be conserved and sustainably used for future generations.