

Second substantive session- 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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Being from a SIDS we would therefore like to request that due consideration be given to our capacity to engage in such consultation process.

With regards to *Decision-making*

We prefer **Option I**, but at this stage have not committed to any preferences to the other parts under this option. What is important to us is that the adjacent coastal states are part of this final decision making process, as any decision will impact management activities that such adjacent States may already be undertaking.

Thank you Madam Facilitator