

**ON AGENDA ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT MATTER REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 72/249, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 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, 2 APRIL 2019**

**5.2 Relationship to EIAs under relevant instruments, frameworks and bodies**

My delegation associates ourselves with the statement made

## 5.1 Obligation to conduct EIAs

On 5.1, we have taken heed of your request that we do not need to intervene if a point has already been made by other delegations. We have just two observations. First, in relation to sub-section (1), there is a possibility for the merger of both Options I and II. Second, with respect to sub-section (2) our preference is for Option II. However, we suggest the text be substituted with  
*out in Article 206 of the Convention* , because Art 206 in fact, contains the threshold referred to.