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Statement of the Kingdom of Tonga at the closing session of IGC4 for BBNJ, delivered by His
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th session. We stress how important it is for us to build momentum and we therefore encourage further coordination among us and welcome the cross-regional proposals to advance our work on this.

We thank you, secretariat and all delegations for your dedication and flexibility in developing this critical instrument whose dignified goal aims at protecting the last great global commons, biodiversity in the high seas, through a legally binding treaty.

I thank you.