

Statement by Turkey

III. 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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Madam President,

The health of our oceans and seas is critical to the economic, social, and environmental well being of the planet. As a peninsula country, Turkey attaches great importance to efforts for efficient, environmentally conscious and sustainable use of marine environment, in accordance with international law.

Turkey will host the COP16 of Convention of Biological Diversity in 2022. In addition, in November this year, we will host the 7th Meeting of the Parties to ACCOBAMS, which is a legal conservation tool aiming to reduce threats to cetaceans, namely whales and dolphins.

Our position with regard to the UNCLOS has already been reaffirmed within the joint statement

