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> Introductory statement by Mr. Chandramouli Ramanathan Assistant Secretary-General, Controller

> > 12 May 2022

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

1. I have the honour to present the report of the Secretary-General, A/C.5/76/24, on the programme budget implications of draft decision A/76/L.46, relating to 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.