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Mr./Madam Chair,

All protocol observed,

Regarding chapter VRI WKH, QWHUQDWLRQDrO, /DZ & F RQ WorkSweintfon and repression of piracy and armed robberga at se Brazil emphasizethe centrality of the United Convention on the Law of the Sea.

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We also recall he recent evolution of the conSeW RI³UHV FRPPX under the Agreement on the Conservation and Simstale Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.

The BBNJ Agreements governed by the principle of he common heritage of humankind.

This principle should also be considered to activities in areas beyond national jurisdiction, such as the high seas.

It is important to distinguish between piracy and armed robbery at sea, as they fall under different legal regimes.

Brazil also echoes concerns about the proposal to establish universal

its limited and localized membership, under Chapter II, on the

Brazil expects that the ew Special Rapporteur and the Commission

Therefore, an act inconsistent with a **rleg**ally binding agreement does not entail international responsibilition cannot give rise to the so-called countermeasures.

At the same time, it is worth noting that current international practice has shown that provisions from the law of treaties can be useful in the drafting, conclusion, and implementation of **rigin**ding agreements, providing guidance an**a**ssistance in a neprescriptive manner.

The essential criteria for determining then **b**ing nature of an instrument areboth the intentof the parties as reflected in the language of the agreemeand the form of the instrument.

There should be consistency between the form of the agreement and the intent to assume or not assume obligations This would allow clearidentification of non-binding instruments.

Brazil sees merit in including intenstitutional agreements within the scope of the product to be developed by the Commission, as we believe this inclusion would hold practical relevance for States.

We take note of the RPPLVVLRQ¶V LQWHQWLRQ WR the topic in its next session.

I thank you