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I.

1. Pursuant to resolution 72/249 of 24 December 2017 and resolution 73/124 of 11 December 2018, the Intergovernmental Conference convened, under the auspices of the United Nations, to consider the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee established by resolution 69/292 of 19 June 2015 on the elements and to elaborate the text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea (UNCLOS) on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, will hold its third session from 19 to 30 August 2019 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The third session will be convened on 19 August at 10:00am in Conference Room 4.

2. The fourth session will take place in the first half of 2020.

3. In accordance with resolution 72/249, the Conference will address the topics identified in the package agreed in 2011, namely the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, in particular, together and as a whole, marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits, measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas, environmental impact assessments and capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology.

iii. the previous United Nations conferences on sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa

iv. the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development; and

(e) the following associate members of regional commissions: American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cura-ao, French Polynesia, Guam, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands.

IV.

8. States wishing to participate in the third session and which have not previously submitted credentials covering the third session of the Conference are kindly invited to deliver the credentials of their representatives to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (room S-3604, S-3608 or S-3639), if possible not less than one week before the opening date of the third session of the Conference ( ). The credentials should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

9. Copies of the credentials and/or a list of the names of members of the delegations should also be transmitted to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations (doalos@un.org, with a copy to lordr@un.org; or fax: +1-917-367-0560) and to the Protocol and Liaison Service (unprotocol@un.org or fax: +1-212 963 1921).

V.

10. Registration of official delegations of States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to UNCLOS will be carried out by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service.

11. To obtain UN grounds passes, Permanent Missions in New York may submit their requests via the online registration system ñeAccreditationò at http://delegate.un.int. Informatviclo m ions,

must include a name and an email address of the focal point handling the request(s).

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17. Representatives of specialized agencies and related organizations are required to follow the registration procedure outlined in paragraph 11 above for issuance of a UN grounds pass. Online requests for registration to the third session must be received by .

18. Representatives of other relevant United Nations system organs, organizations, funds and programmes without a valid UN grounds pass issued in New York, may gain access to

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32. The application package, to be sent by Governments through their Permanent Missions to the United Nations, must contain the following:

(a) A communication from the Government requesting financial assistance from the Voluntary Trust Fund for the delegate who will attend the meeting, clearly indicating the following:

i. The name, date of birth and detailed contact information for the delegate;

ii. The dates during which the delegate will be required to attend the meeting;

iii. What assistance with respect to travel, if any, will be provided to the delegate by the Government;

(b) A completed and signed application form;

(c) A copy of the passport biodata page and any required visas for the delegate; and

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