

Dear co-facilitators,

On behalf of ARGENTINA I would like to thank you for preparing the zero draft of the Declaration and in addition to the proposals made by G77 and China, I would like to made the additional comments on national capacity:

1. We strongly support the language related to UNCLOS and therefore we would like to see this paragraph move up in the declaration as paragraph 3:

*“We reaffirm that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea sets out the legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out”*

2. We notice the use of the terms “transformative change” and “nature base solutions” in some sections of the draft. These two terms are not internationally agreed concepts and there is no clarity on their meaning and scope. We would like to kindly request that this terms are not used in the declaration.

Best regards,

Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations