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On Rules of Procedures

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Second Preparatory Committee of the Agreement 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 (BBNJ
Agreement)

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Thank you Chair.

This is a joint statement.

The DMUN Foundation would like to first express its alignment to the position expressed by Children and Youth International and Major Group for Children and Youth.

The Foundation believes that the Preparatory Commission should fully guarantee the meaningful and effective participation of all observers, including stakeholders and rightholders. We believe that special attention must be given to historically marginalized rightholders, including children, youth, and indigenous peoples.



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In order to facilitate such participation, we recommend the following modifications to the rules of procedure.

First, with reference to rule 3 sub rule 9, while we support the intention not to have sessions consecutively for more than two hours, we suggest that the number of sessions could be increased to at least three per day.

Second, with a view to refrain from adopting a prescriptive approach, we suggest that rule 5 sub rule 1 should provide that the ordinary meetings of the conference of parties shall be held on an annual basis for the first 7 years. We propose that the 7th conference of parties can further decide on the frequency of ordinary meetings of the conference of parties.

Third, in rule 4 sub rule 4, we also suggest that the text allows for requests to be made by stakeholders and rightsholders to convene extraordinary meetings to support a bracket of 90 days to receive a simple majority in the COP.

Finally, for rule 22, we encourage the composition of the Bureau to include 3 Vice Presidents from each region to facilitate equitable geographic representation. In addition, for rule 22 2bis we also suggest for consideration of parties affected by armed conflicts to be considered for exception.

We thank you.