



High Seas Alliance
Agenda Item 6
Intervention Day 1
Cross Cutting Informal Working Group (Articles 3 - 6)
Article 4.3
IGC3 19 August 2019

Thank you Madam Facilitator

We already commented on 4(3) and supported the G77 and AG, and having heard delegations, are reinforced in our concern that the multiple tests including the “respect the competences language are erecting barriers against implementation that are not helpful.

Further, the language “provided that they are supportive of and do not run counter to the objectives of the Convention and this Agreement” provides an important counterweight to ensure that BBNJ instrument has precedence over any other agreement which does run contrary to the objectives of the convention and the agreement.