



**High Seas Alliance  
Agenda Item 6  
Intervention Day 1  
Cross Cutting Informal Working Group (Articles 3 - 6)  
Article 4  
IGC3 19 August 2019**

Thank you Madam Facilitator

On Article 4, we join G77 in its suggestions on paragraph 3, and we suggest that the “not undermine” language found in both UNGA Resolution 69/292 which established the Preparatory Committee and Resolution 72/249, and we believe that we should therefore keep to the language as stated.. If further interpretation is needed, we should follow its use in the Fish Stocks Agreement, where it is, we believe, clear that the term means to “reduce effectiveness,” such as of measures or of the organization.”

We are concerned that the additional bracketed language “respects the competence” could act as a hindrance and further codify unnecessary barriers to cooperation and collaboration which is not the intent of this Agreement. Each body has a competence, and this Agreement will have a competence on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ.

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