

Reference: C.N.203.2023.TREATIES-XXI.10 (Depositary Notification)

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

NEW YORK, 19 JUNE 2023

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above-referenced Agreement was adopted on 19 June 2023 at the fifth session of the Intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument 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.

Depositary notification C.N.202.2023.TREATIES-XXI.10 relating to the issuance of certified true copies of the Agreement has been circulated on 20 July 2023.

In accordance with its article 65, the Agreement shall be open for signature by all States and regional economic integration organizations, on 20 September 2023, and shall remain open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 20 September 2025.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States and regional economic integration organizations wishing to sign the Agreement could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, by e-mail: [treatysection@un.org](mailto:treatysection@un.org).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection website, which can be accessed at the following address: [https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?path=Publication/TH/Page1\\_en.xml](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?path=Publication/TH/Page1_en.xml).

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