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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

TÜRKIYE: SIGNATURE

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

The above action was effected on 27 September 2024, with:

Declaration (Original: English)

“... the signature, ratification, accession, acceptance or approval 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) by the Government of the Republic of Türkiye is without prejudice to the rights and interests of Türkiye as a non-party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982 (UNCLOS) and cannot be construed as a change in the legal position of Türkiye with regard to UNCLOS.

Recalling Türkiye’s statement made during the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Türkiye declares that there does not exist any group of people in its territory which could be considered as ‘indigenous peoples’ within the framework of the Agreement.

This declaration is without prejudice to additional declarations and/or reservations that may be made in the future by Türkiye.”

27 September 2024

