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Preparatory Commission for the Entry into Force 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 and the Convening of the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement

First session

New York, 14–25 April 2025

Provisional programme of work of the Preparatory Commission

I. Issues for consideration by the Preparatory Commission at its first session

1. Rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties.
2. Terms of reference and modalities for the operation of, and rules of procedure of, the subsidiary bodies established under the Agreement.
3. Selection process for the members of the Scientific and Technical Body and the other subsidiary bodies established under the Agreement.
4. Arrangements for the functioning of the secretariat, including its seat.
5. Modalities for the operation of the Clearing-House Mechanism.
6. Financial rules governing the funding of the Conference of the Parties and the funding of the secretariat and any subsidiary bodies.
7. Arrangements with the Global Environment Facility to give effect to the relevant provisions on funding.
8. Preliminary exchange of views on the issues for consideration at the second session (arrangements to enhance cooperation with relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies; reporting requirements; and operationalization of other provisions on financial resources and mechanism).

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II. Issues for consideration by the Preparatory Commission at its second session

1. Continued consideration of issues taken up at the first session, as needed.
2. Arrangements to enhance cooperation with relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies.
3. Reporting requirements.
4. Operationalization of other provisions on financial resources and mechanism.

III. Issues for consideration by the Preparatory Commission at its third session

Continued consideration of issues taken up at the first and second sessions, as needed.
