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Fourth session

New York, 23 March–3 April 2020

Provisional programme of work

Monday, 23 March 2020

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Opening of the session (item 1)

Adoption of the agenda (item 2)

Programme of work (item 3)

General exchange of views (item 5)

3–6 p.m.¹

Consideration of the subject matter referred to in
paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution
[72/249](#) (item 6)

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including questions on the sharing of benefits

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[72/249](#) (item 6)

Informal informals on environmental impact
assessments

¹ The possibility of continuing beyond normal working hours will depend on the financial situation of the United Nations and the consequential impact on conference services.



Tuesday, 24 March 2020

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals on measures such as area-based
management tools, including marine protected areas

Item 6 (*continued*)
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transfer of marine technology
- 3–6 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
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Wednesday, 25 March 2020

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Plenary
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Friday, 27 March 2020

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Informal informals on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal informals on environmental impact assessments

2.30–5.30 p.m.

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal informals on cross-cutting issues

5.30–6 p.m.

Item 6 (*continued*)

Plenary

Monday, 30 March 2020

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Informal informals on cross-cutting issues

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas

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Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal informals on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits

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Informal informals on environmental impact assessments

Tuesday, 31 March 2020

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Informal informals on cross-cutting issues

Item 6 (*continued*)

Informal informals on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas

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Informal informals on marine genetic resources,
including questions on the sharing of benefits

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Plenary

Wednesday, 1 April 2020

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals on capacity-building and the
transfer of marine technology

Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals on measures such as area-based
management tools, including marine protected areas

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Informal informals on marine genetic resources,
including questions on the sharing of benefits

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Informal informals on environmental impact
assessments

Thursday, 2 April 2020

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals on cross-cutting issues

Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals

1–1.30 p.m. Item 6 (*continued*)
Plenary

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Informal informals

Item 6 (*continued*)
Informal informals

Friday, 3 April 2020

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Credentials of representatives (item 4)

3–6 p.m.

Consideration and adoption of the documents of the conference, including the report of the conference to the General Assembly (item 7)

Other matters (item 8)
