



**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY MR. MARCELO ZAMBRANA TORRELIO, MINISTER COUNSELLOR OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE OF THE REGULAR PROCESS FOR GLOBAL REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SOCIOECONOMIC ASPECTS (New York, 31 March 2014)**

**Item 6. Production of the First Global Integrated Assessment in "batches" or "installments"**

The G77 and China believes that meeting the deadlines we ourselves established through the General Assembly is important for the credibility of the process. We are very close to our final product, the First Global Integrated Assessment, after years of work. But we are also sensible to the fact that without budgetary resources, the realization of this major undertaking relies on the voluntary work of many. The Members of the Group of Experts are making many efforts even when they have their own jobs and responsibilities at home. Also, the members of the pool of experts are taking time from their jobs. And in very few cases, it has been difficult to put together the writing teams due to lack of a particular expertise in the pool.

Having heard the coordinators of the Group of Experts and the Co-Chairs, we can support the approach presented to us by the Bureau of the Regular Process. We believe it is a sensible solution in this situation.

Also, taking into account the fact that the Working Group will not meet until next year, we also believe it is necessary to give the Bureau a specific mandate to monitor the evolution of the work and introduce adjustments in the timeline if needed. If that were the case, it would be beneficial for Member States to be briefed by the Co-Chairs.

Thank you