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Guiding Questions

Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) with a focus on Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs)

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The High Seas Treaty Dialogue on 29 June will build on past dialogues and focus on EIAs, including SEAs.

Guiding Questions which could be considered for the dialogue are set out below:

- Q1.** If strategic environmental assessments (SEAs) are provided for under the future agreement, what could be the scope and process of such assessments? For example, who could have the responsibility to carry out SEAs?
- Q. 2** What are the conditions under which the requirement to conduct an EIA would be triggered under the agreement and how would they be determined?
- Q. 3** How would an activity-based approach or an effects-based approach be assessed, taking into account/considering also cumulative and transboundary impacts? How would article 194(2) of UNCLOS be operationalized?
- Q. 4** How would transparency and accountability be ensured during the EIA process in light of the international community's interest in the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity?