



## BBNJ IGC5

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### Closing Statement

*(time limit: 2 minutes)*

*Thank you, Madam President,*

IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature expresses its sincere appreciation for the tremendous efforts expended at this fifth Intergovernmental Conference despite not reaching the desired result.

We particularly wish to thank the President, Facilitators, Secretariat (DOALOS), leaders of working groups, delegates, and observers on the conclusion of two intense weeks of negotiations, in a demonstration of a good spirit of cooperation in the face of urgency.

We welcome the progress made towards:

- *An empowered and inclusive COP and its components that will allow States to act together for healthy ocean life, working with a dedicated Secretariat and Scientific and Technical Body*
- x *Embracing the diversity of forms of knowledge, including indigenous and local knowledge, and its complementarity with best-available science, and scientific understanding of the ocean which will guide the implementation of the Agreement*

