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> Australia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Tonga and Trinidad and Tobago: draft resolution

Development of an international legally-binding instrument 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

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the commitment made by Heads of State and Government in paragraph 162 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012,

Welcoming the exchange of views on the scope, parameters and feasibility of an international instrument under the Convention and the progress made within the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group, within its m