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## STATEMENT

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### ON BEHALF OF

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### ON CLUSTER 6

**CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE RESOURCES,  
OCEANS AND SEAS; ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY**

### AT THE

**10<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE OPEN WORKING GROUP (OWG)**

### ON

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**

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Mr. Co-chair

I wish to deliver this statement on behalf of the Southern Africa Region namely; Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zimbabwe and my own Country Zambia on Conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, oceans and seas; ecosystems and biodiversity. I wish to aligns this statement with the statements made on behalf of the G77 and China by the Ambassador of Bolivia and the Africa group statement read by the Ambassador of .....

Mr. Co-Chair

As a region we are proposing that conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, oceans and seas; ecosystems and biodiversity be linked to cluster 5. This is because issues under cluster 6 have a bearing on matters dealt with under cluster 5. Therefore targets could focus on

- a) Promoting conservation and sustainable utilization of natural resources
- b) Reduced rate of desertification and land degradation
- c) Promoting sustainable land use and management
- d) Enhance the protection of oceans and seas and marine resources
- e) Develop infrastructure that will enhance wildlife management
- f) Promote preservation of ecosystems and conservation of biodiversity.
- g) Improved management and sustainable use of forests and forests resources

Mr. Co-chair

Sustainable use of our natural resources which include oceans and seas, land and forests have a direct bearing on the earth's carrying capacity and on the future needs. We therefore underscore the need to put in place strategies and appropriate means of implementation for sustainable use, preservation and protection of the natural resources and sustainable management of marine resources, biodiversity and ecosystems.

I thank you.