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An Introduction to BBNJ: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction

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INTRODUCTION

Recent medical advances in combatting chronic and life threatening medical conditions have been based on research from marine genetic resources. These scientific discoveries have focused the attention of the international community on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction. Some developing countries believe they should share in the benefits of these discoveries when the original source of the marine genetic resources came from areas either under their jurisdiction or from areas beyond national jurisdiction.

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) has sponsored a number of wide-ranging discussions on how to deal with these developments. Later this year, the UNGA may begin the formal process of negotiating a new agreement on the “Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction.” This seminar will provide an introduction to this subject, explore possible developments, and consider Singapore’s interests in these developments.

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