4.6 IOC RELEVANT ISSUES RELATED TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT UNDER THE UN CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA ON THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION
• Develop an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.

• Preparatory Committee, to make substantive recommendations to the General Assembly and report to the Assembly on its progress by the end of 2017.

• Four Prep COMs organised from March 2016 to July 2017 with IOC representation at each of them.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 June 2015
Recent IOC Govt. Body decisions (EC-49 & IOC 29th Assembly)

EC-49
Examine possible IOC contributions -MSR, CD, TMT & Data & information management
To informing the participation of IOC @ PrepCom meetings

IOC-29
Welcomes IOC Ad Hoc Report to the 4th PrepCom on CD & TMT activities
-IOC ES and Officers to represent IOC during intersessional period
Outcomes of PrepCom4 and UNGA follow up

- Non-exclusive elements of a draft text of the BBNJ Legally-Binding Instrument
- List of main issues on which there are divergence of views amongst MS
- Recommendation to UNGA to convene an Intergovernemental Conference (ICG)
- UNGA Resolution (December 2017) to convene ICG, four session planned betw 2018 and 2020
- **First Session of the ICG – 4-17 September 2018, NY, USA**
Relevance to IOC’s mandate and work

- use of the best available scientific information and the provision of scientific advice to the institutional arrangements (eg scientific advisory body)
- the application of *IOC Criteria and Guidelines for the Transfer of Marine Technology* as a guiding principle to support the capacity development and TMT objectives of the new instrument;
- establishment of a clearing house mechanism to facilitate access and exchange of information relevant to various core elements of the Instrument (e.g. CD/TMT, Environmental Impact Assessment, etc.)
Relevance to IOC’s mandate and work

- Contribution of OBIS as an effective global platform for the sharing of research data and information

- IOC Expert Group on Capacity Development focus on operationalizing TMT Clearing House Mechanism
EC 51 Decision

Request the IOC Executive Secretary, or the IOC Chairperson, or a designated IOC Officer to represent the IOC in the First session of the IGC

Report back to the IOC Assembly at its 30th session.

IOC Expert Group on Capacity Development focus on operationalizing TMT Clearing House Mechanism

Invite IOC Member States to continue supporting the role of the Commission in their preparation