

■ UN Adopts Historic Treaty to Safeguard Marine Life in High Seas

The United Nations (UN) has unanimously approved the inaugural treaty aimed at safeguarding marine life in the high seas. UN Secretary-General António Guterres enthusiastically praised the historic agreement, emphasising its potential to provide a fighting chance for the ocean. Delegates representing all 193 member nations expressed jubilation as they officially endorsed the treaty on June 19, with not a single objection raised. The treaty specifically targets biodiversity protection in the high seas, which encompass nearly half of the Earth's surface and lie beyond national boundaries. The treaty will be open for signatures on September 20, coinciding with the annual gathering of world leaders at the General Assembly. Once ratified by at least 60 countries, the treaty will come into effect, marking a significant milestone in the global effort to preserve and conserve the precious marine ecosystems that inhabit the high seas.

