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Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: 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

First session

New York, 28 March-8 April 2016

Provisional programme of work

Monday, 28 March 2016

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Opening of the session (item 1)
	Welcome and opening remarks by the Secretary-General or his representative (item 2)
	Adoption of the agenda (item 3)
	Election of members of the Bureau (item 4)
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	Consideration of the scope of an international legally binding instrument and its relationship with other instruments

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	Consideration of the guiding approaches and principles of an international legally binding instrument
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	Consideration of marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits
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	Consideration of capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology
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	Informal working group on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits
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