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The Embassy of France in Jamaica presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority and has the honour, in response to the N/V no. 44/13 dated 6th February 2013, to provide some information relating to the adoption of national legislation pertaining to activities carried out in the Area by the French State, by French companies or by any natural or legal person of French nationality.

Aware of its responsibilities and concerned to align its domestic law with the relevant provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, particularly Article 139, in 2012 France initiated a series of inter-ministerial consultations with a view to drafting a French law on the above mentioned activities. Due to the number of actors involved and the complexity of this draft legislation, it is unlikely to be adopted in 2013.

France will keep the Secretariat of the Authority duly informed of progress in the adoption of this law.

The Embassy of France in Jamaica takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority the assurances of its highest consideration.

Kingston, 22 March 2013