



**Intervention on Reg 45 Development of Environmental Standards and Guidelines, Delivered 22 July 2022**

Thank you, Madame Facilitator.

With regard to Draft Regulation 45 on environmental standards and guidelines, the Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative has four points we would like to raise.

First, for Para 1. We suggest replacing points a-f with the language of the currently developed Standards and Guidelines points a-g.

Second, in Para 1(a), we also support the inclusion of indicators and also recommend including thresholds, as proposed by others. DOSI also wishes to support Germany's and China's suggestion that the term "ecological balance of the marine environment" be defined or amended to a more commonly used scientific term, perhaps related to loss of ecosystem functions and services.

Third, in Para 1(c), DOSI supports the re-inclusion of "Mitigation measures." We note that 'Mitigation' is a defined term, so that term should be used consistently.

Finally, DOSI also fully supports the addition of Para 2.

Thank you, Madame Facilitator.