



**Intervention during the Informal Working Group on the Protection and preservation of the Marine Environment – Facilitator’s text (XIII).**

Madam facilitator,

DOSI would like to comment on section 1(j) - include “Details of any restoration and remediation objectives and activities”; scientific results show evidence that restoration is not a viable option in most of the ecosystems in question, if the substrate (nodules) is removed.

As we stated previously, in our intervention on DR55: . We know that biological and ecological processes in the deep sea are slower than in other realms, and impact experiments have shown little recovery after decades. The very few restoration experiments that are being carried out will only yield the first results after years, maybe decades from now. Hence, not only is the feasibility of restoration actions in the deep sea in doubt, but also it is unlikely that such processes will take place in our lifetimes. It can be considered irreversible

Thank you