



## **Statement re LTC Guidance to facilitate the development of regional environmental management plans, ISBA/27/C/37 3 November 2022**

Good afternoon to all. As this is the first time that the International Cable Protection Committee, or ICPC, is taking the floor in this part of the Council meetings, I would like to offer our thanks to the Secretariat and the Government and people of Jamaica for welcoming us back. I would also like to thank the LTC for its report and development on guidance for REMPs. The ICPC supports Germany's alternative proposals regarding the REMPs guidance and notes the support by many delegations for further development of the guidance and stakeholder consultation thereon, particularly the reference in part III of the Annex with respect to reasonable regard for other human activities in the marine environment. The ICPC takes specific note of the comments of the delegations of Italy and Costa Rica regarding the conduct of REMPs vis-à-vis submarine cables. The ICPC looks forward to participating constructively in any consultations and workshops on these issues. Thank you, Mr. President.