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Report on the implementation of the strategic plan and high-level action plan of the International Seabed Authority for the period 2019–2023

Report on the implementation by the Assembly of the strategic plan of the International Seabed Authority for the period 2019–2023

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, recalls that in its decision relating to the implementation of the strategic plan of the Authority for the period 2019–2023 ([ISBA/25/A/15](#) and [ISBA/25/A/15/Corr.1](#)), having expressed its commitment to the strengthening of existing working practices of the Authority, it invited members of the Authority and observers, as well as the organs of the Authority, to support the implementation of the strategic plan and the high-level action plan.

2. For the reporting period 2019–2020, the Assembly has been assigned some responsibilities for 37 high-level actions and 42 related outputs, as listed in annex II to decision [ISBA/25/A/15](#) and [ISBA/25/A/15/Corr.1](#). In seven cases, no specific output has been identified and therefore, the reporting specifically addresses the high-level action of interest (see high-level actions 1.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 3.2.4, 3.4.3, 3.5.4 and 7.1.2). Accordingly, there are 49 total items identified for the reporting period.

3. The Assembly has been identified as the organ responsible for 33 of these outputs, the associated organ for 13 other outputs and the coordinating organ for the remaining ones. In order to reflect the different statuses of completion, in particular the fact that some outputs are recurring, two different sub-categories of progress status have been identified. One sub-category relates to the “ongoing” nature of some outputs, understood as requiring ongoing attention and adjustment. The other sub-category relates to the fact that, in some cases, because the output is to be reported against a specific reporting period or action, the status of completion is “achieved”.

4. As at 31 May 2020, 37 of the assigned high-level actions and outputs (75.5 per cent) had been completed and 12 (24.5 per cent) were still in progress. Further information is provided in annexes I and II to the present report.

* [ISBA/26/A/L.1](#).



II. Recommendation

5. The Assembly is invited to take note of the information provided in the present report and to adopt the draft decision in annex III.

Annex I

**Status of completion of high-level actions assigned to the Assembly
and related outputs for the reporting period 2019–2020**

<i>Strategic directions</i>	<i>Number of items relevant to the reporting period</i>	<i>Completed</i>		<i>In progress</i>	<i>On hold</i>	<i>Completion rate (percentage)</i>
		<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Achieved</i>			
Strategic direction 1: realize the role of the Authority in a global context	14	14	–	–	–	100
Strategic direction 2: strengthen the regulatory framework for activities in the Area	2	2	–	–	–	100
Strategic direction 3: protect the marine environment	3	2	–	1	–	67
Strategic direction 4: promote and encourage marine scientific research in the Area	2	–	–	2	–	0
Strategic direction 5: build capacity for developing States	6	–	3	3	–	50
Strategic direction 6: ensure fully integrated participation by developing States	7	3	2	2	–	71
Strategic direction 7: ensure equitable sharing of financial and other economic benefits	1	–	–	1	–	0
Strategic direction 8: improve the organizational performance of the Authority	12	9	1	2	–	83
Strategic direction 9: commit to transparency	2	1	–	1	–	50
Total	49	31	6	12	–	75.5

Annex II

Status of implementation by the Assembly of the relevant high-level actions and related outputs for the reporting period 2019-2020

The status of implementation by the Assembly of the relevant high-level actions and related outputs for the reporting period 2019–2020 is available (in English only) at the following URL: <https://isa.org.jm/files/files/documents/ISBA26A9-AnnexII.pdf>.

Annex III

Draft decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority on the implementation of the strategic plan of the Authority for the five-year period 2019–2023

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,

Recalling its decision of 26 July 2018, at the twenty-fourth session of the International Seabed Authority,¹ to adopt the strategic plan of the Authority for the period 2019–2023;

Recalling also its decision of 24 July 2019, at the twenty-fifth session of the Authority,² to adopt the high-level action plan for the Authority for the period 2019–2023 as well as key performance indicators against each of the strategic directions identified in the strategic plan;

Having considered the report of the Council,³ the Secretary-General⁴ and the Finance Committee⁵ providing the required information on the status of the completion of the assigned high-level actions and outputs for the reporting period 2019–2020;

Committed to the further strengthening of existing working practices of the Authority;

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Council, the Secretary-General and the Finance Committee;

2. *Invites* members of the Authority and observers, as well as the organs of the Authority, to continue to support the implementation of the strategic plan and the high-level action plan;

3. *Invites* member States and other relevant stakeholders to provide the data necessary to ensure accurate reporting on progress towards the implementation of the strategic plan and the high-level action plan and the achievement of identified outputs.

¹ See [ISBA/24/A/10](#).

² See [ISBA/25/A/15](#) and [ISBA/25/A/15/Corr.1](#).

³ See [ISBA/26/A/8-ISBA/26/C/23](#).

⁴ See [ISBA/26/A/2](#).

⁵ See [ISBA/26/A/10-ISBA/26/C/21](#).