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Report of the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority under article 166, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Addendum

Implementation of the strategic plan of the Authority for the five-year period 2019–2023

I. Performance indicators

1. The set of performance indicators developed for each priority under the strategic directions of the Authority as set out in the strategic plan was adopted by the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority at its twenty-fifth session ([ISBA/25/A/15](#)).

2. As outlined in the previous report of the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority under article 166, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, each indicator has been conceived to enable the monitoring and measurement of achievements under the strategic plan throughout its five-year span.¹ The first assessment of performance indicators for 2019 and 2020 (as at 31 May 2020) was compiled by the secretariat and is annexed to the previous report of the Secretary-General submitted in July 2020.² In November 2021, the Secretary-General presented an addendum to the report.³ Following current practice, an updated and consolidated assessment against performance indicators will be provided in the context of the annual report of the Secretary-General in 2023.

* [ISBA/27/A/L.1](#).

¹ See [ISBA/26/A/2](#), para. 30.

² See [ISBA/26/A/2](#), annex I.A.

³ [ISBA/26/A/2/Add.1](#).



II. Status of completion of high-level actions and associated outputs assigned to the secretariat for the reporting period 2021–2022

3. In its decision [ISBA/25/A/15](#) and [ISBA/25/A/15/Corr.1](#), the Assembly recalled that it was committed to the strengthening of existing working practices of the Authority and, accordingly, 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.

4. For the reporting period 2021–2022, the secretariat has been assigned some responsibilities for 61 high-level actions, with 103 associated outputs, as listed in annex II. In three cases, no specific output has been identified and, therefore, the reporting specifically addresses the high-level action of interest (see high-level actions 3.2.2, 5.2.2 and 9.3.3). Accordingly, the total number of items identified for the present reporting period is 106. The secretariat is identified as the organ responsible for 79 outputs, the associated organ for 19 outputs and the coordinating organ for 8 outputs.

5. As at 10 June 2022, 79 per cent (84) of the assigned high-level actions and the outputs had been completed, while 20 per cent (21) were still in progress and expected to be achieved by the end of the year (see annex I). One high-level action (4.5.2) under strategic direction 4 (promote and encourage marine scientific research in the Area) had been put temporarily on hold to allow the Council of the Authority to complete its task in relation to this action. All outputs assigned for the reporting period under strategic directions 1 (realize the role of the Authority in a global context), 2 (strengthen the regulatory framework for activities in the Area), and 7 (ensure equitable sharing and financial and other economic benefits) were completed. Outputs under strategic directions 4 (promote and encourage marine scientific research in the Area), 6 (ensure fully integrated participation by developing States), 8 (improve the organization performance of the Authority), 9 (commit to transparency) have been completed at 80 per cent. Details of the work undertaken against all outputs were compiled by the secretariat and are available in annex II to the present document.

Annex I

Status of completion of high-level actions assigned to the secretariat and associated outputs for the reporting period 2021–2022

<i>Strategic directions</i>	<i>Number of relevant items 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	6	5	1	–	–	100	
Strategic direction 3: protect the marine environment	13	6	2	5	–	61.5	
Strategic direction 4: promote and encourage marine scientific research in the Area	11	8	1	1	1	81	
Strategic direction 5: build capacity for developing States	11	5	–	6	–	45	
Strategic direction 6: ensure fully integrated participation by developing States	10	6	2	2	–	80	
Strategic direction 7: ensure equitable sharing of financial and other economic benefits	1	–	1	–	–	100	
Strategic direction 8: improve the organizational performance of the Authority	22	16	2	4	–	81	
Strategic direction 9: commit to transparency	18	15	–	3	–	83	
Total	106	75	9	21	1	79	

Annex II

Status of implementation by the secretariat of the relevant high-level actions and associated outputs for the reporting period 2021–2022

The status of implementation by the secretariat of the relevant high-level actions and associated outputs for the reporting period 2021–2022 is available (in English only) at the following URL: https://isa.org.jm/files/files/documents/ISBA_27_A_2_Add_1_E.pdf.
