

Intervention by India on Item 13:

Report of the Chair of LTC-REMPS,

09.12.2021

Thank You, Mr. President.

We echo the comments by other delegations that REMPs are very important as it will facilitate the decision-making process for the exploitation activities in the Area. We compliment the Commission for review of the implementation of the Environmental Management Plan for the Clarion-Clipperton Zone.

A considerable progress was achieved for the regions and resources in the Pacific and Atlantic regions, Indian Ocean is left behind. There is an urgent need for the REMP for Indian Ocean. A proposal to conduct REMP workshop for the Indian Ocean Region was discussed earlier and we are in consultation with the Secretariat regarding the same. We are also of the view that a REMP should be region specific and also resource specific. The sites in Indian ocean, being in the southern hemisphere, are different from other sites. We hope the REMP for the Indian Ocean region will be in place soon.

Thank You, Mr. President.