

ISA Session 27-III

Agenda Item: Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment IWG The Ocean Foundation Interventions

Annex IV Environmental Impact Statement

Section 2.4

TOF suggests that after the words “Discuss applicable standards and guidelines” consideration is given for inclusion of the clause “including those mandated by the source of funding for the operations.” Any source of funding for a deep-seabed mining venture would almost certainly have standards and guidelines that the projects it finances must adhere to and which should be included here. We will submit this textual suggestion.

Section 4

4.2 After the word “setting” The Ocean Foundation suggests adding “as well as known or suspected underwater cultural heritage (both tangible, such as shipwrecks, human remains, or fossils.)” We also suggest a final sentence. “While intangible cultural heritage may not lend itself to a map, known intangible human connections to the area should also be acknowledged.” We also support a subsection on underwater cultural heritage. We will submit this textual suggestion.

Relatedly, we express our general support for the comments of the Federated States of Micronesia to include social cultural impacts.