



Statement on Item 14

Mr. President,

Poland would like to appreciate the LTC efforts on the development of Regional Environmental Management Plans for the Mid Atlantic Ridge.

We regard REMPs as crucial tool in providing protection of different habitats that will also shape the future exploitation activities.

This summer, Poland conducted the first cruise to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge license area, with best available approaches provided outstanding scientific results that will contribute to the regional-scale research needed for a comprehensive understanding of regional environmental conditions, and improvements of the REMPs.

Although we share opinions and express our concerns related to the certain conflict of the rights of the contractor between contracted exploration area and zoning scheme. Therefore, we see the floor for further consultations.

Thank you Mr. President