

Review of the draft standards and guidelines
associated with the draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area

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| <i>General Comments</i> | |
| <p>As these standard and guidelines rely on draft article 30, Italy would like to highlight that it has been under review by the Legal and Technical Commission since 2019, as reported in ISBA/25/C/18.</p> <p>In that document the Commission requested that the Secretariat continue to explore the issue and report to the Commission in July 2019. Following the report of the Secretariat, in ISBA/26/C/12 the Commission agreed that the approach reflected in the text of draft regulation 30 was sufficient for the foreseeable future and also ‘considered and made some amendments to the draft health and safety plan and the draft maritime security plan, and decided to recommend to the Council a draft of annex VI of the draft regulations containing those plans, which would be issued as a separate document’.</p> <p>In May 2020, document ISBA/26/C/17, containing a draft of Annex VI, was issued. Due to the global health conditions, it has not been either possible to discuss draft article 30 and Annex VI in the proper forum, nor any comment in this regard has been collected.</p> <p>For this reason, Italy believes that it is premature to consider any standard and guidelines on this topic and make comments thereon. This could, <i>inter alia</i>, lead to the very unsatisfactory result that they are reviewed by the Legal and Technical Commission for approval by the Council before delegations have had any chance to discuss the norms to which they refer.</p> <p>Therefore, Italy reserves the right to make comments on this document after draft regulation 30 and annex VI is discussed by the Council.</p> | |

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