

Singapore's Intervention on the Report of the Secretary-General of the ISA
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- Mr President, congratulations on your election as the President of the Assembly of the 26th Session of the International Seabed Authority. The Singapore delegation assures you of our full support.
- We welcome the re-election of Mr Secretary-General and thank you and the Secretariat for the detailed report and hard work, especially in the past two years. Singapore will continue to support the work of the Authority
- We would also like to thank Jamaica for hosting the ISA meetings, and we look forward to joining the rest of the delegations in Kingston next year.
- Singapore welcomes the independent report of the contribution of the Authority to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We are grateful for the opportunity to have co-sponsored the virtual event on “Ensuring the sustainable management and stewardship of the deep seabed and its resources for the benefit of all humanity”, held on the margins of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. We commend the Secretary-General for his participation in this event and the personal leadership he has shown in shaping the ISA’s sustainability agenda.
- Singapore also commends the Authority’s implementation of a programmatic approach to capacity development. We are pleased to note the 41 focal points that have been nominated by members of the Authority to facilitate these efforts. In this regard, Singapore is privileged to be able to contribute to the Abyssal Initiative for Blue Growth workshops. We look forward to the Secretariat’s publication of the Authority’s finalised capability development strategy, and we would welcome the fully integrated participation by developing States, including Small Island Developing States, in the Authority’s capability building efforts.
- Finally, Singapore welcomes the Secretariat’s outreach efforts, for example through the establishment of the new “Deep-DiplomaSea” webinar series, and the upcoming Women in the Law of the Sea Conference. These are important efforts to promote understanding of the role, mandate and work of the Authority, and greater awareness of the deep seabed as a common heritage of mankind.
- Thank you.