

Notes - Points for Roadmap

Thank the SG for his comprehensive report

- 1) Note progress made by Secretariat in terms of preparation of studies and reports on draft regulations as requested by Commission and Council. Commend the work done during the challenging period. This work will contribute to a robust, balanced and comprehensive regulatory framework which the Authority is seeking to develop. Take note of the progress made over the years; thank the members of the Council and the Legal Technical Commission for the work done.

Express Jamaica's satisfaction of being apart of the process and

- 2) Pledge Jamaica's continued support of the work of the Authority and its commitment to the finalization of the requisite regulations
- 3) Take note that the previously agreed deadline of 2020 for the finalization of the regulations has passed. Note that the pandemic negatively impacted the progress on the advancement of the regulations and note further the request made by Nauru and the urgency now placed on the finalization of regulations. Caution however that great care must be taken nonetheless to ensure that the pressures do not cause the ISA to lose out on developing an effective regime fully embodying the common heritage of mankind principle.
- 4) Appreciate the elaboration of a detailed Roadmap for consideration of Council in response to the request by Nauru. However, Jamaica is not convinced that even with best efforts of all sides, the time proposed is adequate to develop a strong effective, balanced comprehensive balanced regulatory framework for DSM while protecting the common heritage of humankind. The obligation of state parties, in our view is to support the establishment of a regime that provides robust protection of the environment while recognising and protecting the rights and interests of other stakeholders

5) Reiterate the need for the regulations to ensure that mining will redound to the benefit of all mankind and ensure the protection of the marine environment

1. In discussions on draft regulations Jamaica wishes to support the call by Costa Rica and other delegations for compilation of proposals by Members of Council, Non Member States of Council, Observers and stakeholders. This was done prior to February 2020 meeting, and so we look forward to updated document.

6) Mr President, we know well that many of the elements and institutions necessary to assist with the effective governance of deep seabed mining are not yet in place. These include the financial mechanism and the enterprise among others. We also know that there is also need for greater marine scientific research to assess the possible impact of mining.

7) I also wonder whether the proposal for 3 weeks of Council meeting wouldn't require additional budgetary resources since ISA had stated during the last budget presentation that virtual meetings were just as expensive as face to face. We would want that clarified.

These are my delegation's views for now Mr. President- I thank you