

**STATEMENT**

**by Delegate of Viet Nam**

**At the Twenty-seventh Session of the International Seabed Authority**

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**Annual Report of the Secretary-General under Article 166, paragraph 4,  
of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

*Mr. President,*

At the outset, my delegation would like to take this opportunity to express the high appreciation of Viet Nam to the Secretary-General for the comprehensive reports submitted pursuant to Article 166, paragraph 4 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) which provides an overview of the activities of the Authority in the past year and an update on the status of implementation of the strategic plan of the Authority for 2019-2023.

Also, we would like to express our appreciation for the works and contributions made by the Authority in managing activities in the Area, including the conservation and sustainable use of marine resources in the Area towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goal 14. ISA has achieved many important tasks in the strategic plan and high-level action plan for the period of 2019-2023, particularly in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic that has adversely affected the implementation of these activities.

*Mr. President,*

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the adoption of UNCLOS, the world's "Constitution for the oceans", the comprehensive legal framework governing all activities at sea. UNCLOS and the 1994 Agreement on the Implementation of Part XI of UNCLOS are the legal basis for activities in the Area, on the principle that the Area and its resource are the common heritage of mankind.

Viet Nam always upholds and adheres to UNCLOS and its implementing agreements. We have made efforts in making charts and lists of geographical coordinates in accordance with Article 84.2 of UNCLOS. However, this is increasingly difficult due to the complex situations in the East Sea (also known as the South China Sea).

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Being a developing coastal State of the East Sea, Viet Nam always attaches great importance to the sea and particularly the activities of ISA. Therefore, we hope ISA will continue to promote and develop more initiatives on capacity building and technology transfer that takes into account the specific needs of developing countries, and support these countries to effectively participate in ISA activities.

To conclude, *Mr. President*, we would like to reiterate our continued support for the work of the International Seabed Authority and we strongly believe that the Authority will continue to make important contributions in managing activities in the Area under the legal framework provided by UNCLOS.

I thank you for your attention./.