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Provisional agenda of the Legal and Technical Commission

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.
4. Briefing on the work of the Legal and Technical Commission.

A. Activities of contractors

5. Consideration of the annual reports of contractors submitted pursuant to the Regulations on prospecting and exploration for polymetallic nodules in the Area.
6. Information on the periodic review of implementation of plans of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules.
7. Selection of candidates, with a view to the implementation of training programmes.

B. Applications for approval of plans of work for exploration

8. Review of applications for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules and recommendations to the Council.
9. Review of applications for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic sulphides and recommendations to the Council.

C. Environmental implications of activities in the Area

10. Information on informal consultations with contractors (Kingston, 9-11 January 2012).

11. Consideration, with a view to adoption, of the recommendations for the guidance of the contractors for the assessment of the possible environmental impacts arising from exploration for polymetallic sulphides in the Area.
12. Information on the outcomes of the international workshop on environmental management needs for exploration and exploitation of deep seabed minerals, held in Nadi, Fiji, from 29 November to 2 December 2011.

D. Regulations of the Authority

13. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Regulations on prospecting and exploration for polymetallic nodules in the Area.

E. Other matters

14. Information on the outcomes of the meeting of the United Nations General Assembly Ad Hoc-Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, held in New York from 7 to 11 May 2012.
 15. Other matters.
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