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DECISION OF THE ASSEMBLY CONCERNING THE OBSERVER STATUS OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

Noting that the United Nations General Assembly by its resolutions 49/28 and 50/23 dated 6 December 1994 and 5 December 1995, respectively, emphasized that activities governed by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea are closely interrelated and need to be considered as a whole, and therefore reaffirmed the importance of the annual consideration and review by the General Assembly of overall developments pertaining to the implementation of the Convention as well as of other developments relating to the law of the sea and ocean affairs,

Bearing in mind that the International Seabed Authority, as an autonomous international organization under the Convention, is entrusted with the responsibility for the organization and control of activities in the Area, particularly with a view to administering resources of the Area,

Recognizing that the Authority, due to its responsibilities under the Convention, has an interest in matters relating to the law of the sea and ocean affairs annually considered by the General Assembly of the United Nations,

1. Decides that the International Seabed Authority should seek to obtain observer status at the United Nations to enable it to participate in the deliberations of the General Assembly;
2. Requests the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority to take the necessary measures to seek such observer status.

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