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Addendum

Reports received from China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association, and l'Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer/l'Association française pour l'étude et la recherche de nodules

1. China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association (COMRA) submitted to the Secretary-General on 10 June 2003 its annual report covering its programme of activities in the exploration area for the year 2002, in both hard-copy and electronic format. The report was submitted in Chinese with an English translation thereof. It was structured generally in line with the headings and content list recommended by the Legal and Technical Commission (see ISBA/8/LTC/2, annex), with chapters on research on processing technologies, capacity-building and international cooperation added. COMRA also advised the Secretary-General that the certificate for the statement of the actual and direct exploration expenditure in carrying out the programme of activities during the year 2002 would be submitted by the Chinese delegation to the International Seabed Authority at its current session.

2. L'Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer/l'Association française pour l'étude et la recherche de nodules (IFREMER/AFERNOD) submitted its annual report on 26 June 2003 on activities carried out in France within the framework of the exploration contract for the period between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2003. The report was submitted in both French and English. It presented information under the headings of introduction, participation in scientific workshops, scientific watch, technological developments specifically dedicated to deep sea exploration, cost estimation, and the provisional programme for the period July 2003-June 2004. The report contained neither a breakdown of expenditures nor a certificate of expenditures.