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Consideration of requests for observer status in accordance with rule 82, paragraph 1 (e), of the rules of procedure of the Assembly

Request for observer status in accordance with rule 82, paragraph 1 (e), of the rules of procedure of the Assembly on behalf of the Institute for Sustainable Development and Research

Note by the secretariat

1. On 9 November 2018, the Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, submitted a letter to the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority, requesting observer status in the Assembly of the Authority. The text of the letter and additional information provided by the applicant are contained in annexes I and II to the present note.
2. In accordance with rule 82, paragraph 1 (e), of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, non-governmental organizations with which the Secretary-General has entered into arrangements in accordance with article 169, paragraph 1, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and other non-governmental organizations invited by the Assembly that have demonstrated their interest in matters under consideration by the Assembly may participate as observers in the Assembly.
3. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the same rule further provide that observers referred to in paragraph 1 (e) of that rule may sit at public meetings of the Assembly and, upon the invitation of the President and subject to approval by the Assembly, may make oral statements on questions within the scope of their activities, and that written statements submitted by observers referred to in paragraph 1 (e) of that rule within the scope of their activities that are relevant to the work of the Assembly should be made available by the secretariat in the quantities and in the languages in which the statements are submitted.

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Annex I

Letter dated 9 November 2018 from the Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, addressed to the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority

In accordance with rule 82 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, the Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, is applying to participate in meetings of the Authority as an observer, including at the twenty-fifth session, to be held in 2019.

The Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Conference on Financing for Development, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Committee on World Food Security, the Man and the Biosphere programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, also has observer status with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services of the United Nations.

The Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, has participated in the global assessment on marine and ocean conservation, the Ocean Knowledge Action Network and joint UNESCO-Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and World Meteorological Organization programmes on ocean science, ocean education and capacity-building, ocean governance, protecting the marine environment, equitable sharing of global commons, ocean observation, global and regional assessment of coastal, ocean and marine biodiversity and conservation, and a review of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

The Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, wishes to apply for observer status with the International Seabed Authority to have the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Authority to raise awareness about science and policy on ocean governance for sustainability and environmental protection in deep seabed mining and to widen the scope of participation with regard to science and policy within the Authority.

We request that you consider the application of the Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, for observer status, to be considered at the next session of the International Seabed Authority, in 2019.

(Signed) Narendra Kumar **Choudhary**

Annex II

Supporting information to the request by the Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, for observer status in the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority.

1. Name of organization

Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India

2. Registered address

Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, 08, Rumani Manzil, Pipeline, Linkroad, Barvenagar, Mumbai, 400084, India

3. Registration details

Registered organization under Societies Registration Act 1860 and Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 of the Government of India.

Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council; UN-ECOSOC and other intergovernmental organization working in the field of Coastal, Ocean and Marine science.

4. Names of proposed primary representatives

(a) Dr. (Mrs) Kalpana Chaudhari, Vice President, Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India

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(b) Dr. Paruthumootil Jacob Philip, Secretary, Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India; Email: pjphilipisdr@gmail.com

5. Aims and object of the Institute

The Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, participates in the global assessment on marine and ocean conservation, Ocean Knowledge Action Network, UNESCO-IOC and WMO programs on Ocean science, Ocean Education and capacity building, Ocean governance, protecting marine environment, equitable sharing of global commons, ocean observation, Global and regional Assessment of coastal, ocean and marine Biodiversity and conservation, Review of Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

6. Recent activities related to ocean and marine science and governance

(a) The Institute contributed and participated in the 12th meeting of Bureau and Multi Expert panel meeting of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) of the United Nations, Bonn, Germany, 22–26 Oct. 2018.

(b) The Institute contributed in the High Level Scientific Conference: “From COP21 towards the United Nations Decade of Ocean for Sustainable Development (2021–2030), UNESCO, Paris, France, from 10–11 September 2018.

(c) The Institute contributed and participated in the World Meteorological Organization – UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission joint Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM-5), Marine Technical Conference at Geneva, Switzerland, 22–24 Oct. 2017.

(d) The Institute contributed and participated in UNESCO International Hydrological Program and International Association of Hydrological Science joint scientific Assembly on Application of Information and Communication Technologies for Transboundary Water Governance and Diplomacy in Indo-Pacific and Beyond, 10–14 July 2017, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

(e) The Institute contributed and participated in Workshop organized by Future Earth Ocean Knowledge Acton Network on “Scoping Workshop on the Development of an Integrative Ocean Research Network” At Kiel University, Germany, 4–6 Dec. 2016, Kiel, Germany.

(f) The Institute contributed and participated in G-20 Summit 2017/T20 Innovation Forum on new supply, new impetus, new cooperation, and innovation to lead the future 2017 for Digital Governance For Implementation Of The 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development from May 5–7, 2017, Hangzhou, China.

(g) The Institute contributed in the program of International Centre for Theoretical Physics, ICTP, Trieste, Italy, South Caucasus, Black Sea Regional Climate Conference, Batumi, Georgia, from 3–5 October 2017.

(h) The Institute participated and contributed in on Bridging Social And Natural Science Uncertainties And Changes In Marine Ecosystem: Evaluating The Impacts Of Climate Change And Management Strategy Evaluation Using Application Of e-Governance And ICTs at Integrated Marine Biosphere Research (IMBeR) organized IMBIZO-5 on Marine Biosphere Research for a Sustainable Ocean: Linking Ecosystems, Future States and Resource Management; Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, MA, USA, 2–5 Oct. 2017.

(i) The Institute contributed and participated in The 2018 Ocean Sciences Meeting (OSM), co-sponsored by the American Geophysical Union (AGU), the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), and The Oceanography Society (TOS) from 11–16 February 2018 in Portland, USA.

(j) The Institute participated in the Our Ocean Conference organized by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Sustainable Ocean Alliance on Our Ocean, Our Legacy Youth Leadership Summit, take from October 29–30, 2018 in Bali, Indonesia.

(k) The Institute contributed and participated in 2018 China Yangling Ministers’ (Governors’) Round-Table and T20 Innovation Forum for Agriculture and Science, Technology and Innovation of G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting 2018 on Challenges and Opportunities in Ocean and Marine Governance in Building Belt and Road: Innovation and Co-operation to achieve 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda from 2–4 Nov 2018 at Yangling, China.

(l) The Institute contributed and participated in Global Forum on Fisheries Science in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea organized by General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) from 10–14 Dec. 2018 at FAO HQ, Rome, Italy.

(m) The Institute contributed and participated the special session on Policies and Strategies for Ocean and Marine Governance: North-South participation for Economic and Social development of Coastal Regions at Fourth Xiamen Symposium on Marine Environmental Sciences organized by State Key Laboratory of Marine Environmental Science (MEL), Xiamen University from 6–9 Jan. 2019 at Xiamen, China.

(n) The Institute contributed and participated in Global Engagement meetings (GEM) of Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF), The Research Council UK

(RCUK) on Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 and regional development at Colombia in Oct. 2017 and Global Engagement meetings (GEM) in Kenya, Jan. 2018.

7. Structure

The Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, is governed by the Executive Council and the General Council as per the Societies Registration Act 1860 and Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 of Government of India.

8. Member organizations of the Institute

The Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, India, has signed Memorandum of Understanding with several universities, research and training institutes in North-South region. The institute has received observer status with several intergovernmental organizations and UN-ECOSOC partners.

9. Participation of Institute in coastal, ocean and marine science and governance research programme

- (a) Indian Centre for Advancement of Research and Education, Haldia (ICARE), India
- (b) Future Earth Ocean Knowledge Action Network, USA.
- (c) American Geophysical Union (AGU), USA
- (d) The Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), USA
- (e) The Oceanography Society (TOS), USA
- (f) State Key Laboratory of Marine Environmental Science (MEL), Xiamen University, China
- (g) The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, USA
- (h) Integrated Marine Biosphere Research (IMBeR), Norway
- (i) Kiel University, Germany.
- (j) The GEOMAR Helmholtz Center for Ocean Research, Kiel, Germany,
- (k) Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF), The Research Council UK (RCUK), U.K.
- (l) World Meteorological Organization – UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission joint Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology, Geneva, Switzerland.
- (m) The International Centre for Theoretical Physics, ICTP, Trieste, Italy
- (n) International Association of Hydrological Science U.K.
- (o) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Rome, Italy