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## Decision of the Council concerning a standardized approach for the development, approval and review of regional environmental management plans in the Area

*The Council of the International Seabed Authority,*

*Recognizing* the need for a standardized approach for the development, approval and review of regional environmental management plans in the Area,

*Having considered* the proposals on a procedure for the development, approval and review of regional environmental management plans,<sup>1</sup> and on a template with minimum requirements for regional environmental management plans,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Requests* the Legal and Technical Commission, in consultation with the Finance Committee if necessary, to further develop the “Guidance to facilitate the development of regional environmental management plans”,<sup>3</sup> in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,<sup>4</sup> the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982,<sup>5</sup> as well as the rules, regulations and procedures of the International Seabed Authority, and taking into account, as appropriate, the above-mentioned proposals<sup>1,2</sup> with a view to recommending to the Council a standardized approach, including a template with indicative elements;

2. *Requests* the Legal and Technical Commission to report on the progress made in its work on this issue at the next meeting of the Council, in July 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> ISBA/26/C/6.

<sup>2</sup> ISBA/26/C/7.

<sup>3</sup> Prepared by the Secretariat and available at: [https://ran-s3.s3.amazonaws.com/isa.org.jm/s3fs-public/files/documents/rem\\_p\\_guidance\\_.pdf](https://ran-s3.s3.amazonaws.com/isa.org.jm/s3fs-public/files/documents/rem_p_guidance_.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1836, No. 31364.

