

**Statement of the Pew Charitable Trusts on the Enterprise
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Thank you, Madam President. And congratulations to Special Representative Eden Charles. The ISA is fortunate to have retained his services.

On this issue Pew – like many here -- has questions rather than positions. Our questions are numerous but for now I will pose just two. What is the rationale for, and the ramifications of, the 95 to 5 division of shares between Poland and the Authority? What is the rationale for, and the ramifications of, the phrase “The Government reserves the right not to disclose the research methods used, except as provided for in international law?” It would be comforting to learn that the phrase doesn’t conflict with this Council’s resolution that transparency is the rule and non-transparency bears the burden of proof.

Judging from the interventions here today, the issue of the Enterprise in general, and the Polish proposal in particular, is not within sight of resolution. We look forward to further discussions.

Thank you, Madam President.