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## [Developing a Regulatory Framework for Mineral Exploitation in the Area](#)

ISA Secretariat

[Report to Members of the Authority and all Stakeholders \(ISBA/Cons/2015/1\)](#)

International Seabed Authority

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Sirs,

The ICPC commented in relation to the above consultation in the 2014 Stakeholder survey, and the ICPC's comments on the 2015 Report on the consultation are as follows:

1. The ICPC values the work it has commenced with the ISA pursuant to the ISA-ICPC MOU signed in 2010.
2. A joint workshop with the ISA and the ICPC was held in New York on 10-11 March 2011 to consider issues involving deep seabed mining and submarine cables. A joint report is currently in preparation and will be undergoing review by all participants.
3. None of the above challenges the primacy of UNCLOS in governing the legal framework for the activities of all seabed users in the Area.

Pursuant to ISA's request in section 6 of the March 2015 Report (fifth bullet) the ICPC does not object to these comments being made public.

Yours faithfully,

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