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Report on the implementation by the Council of the strategic plan of the International Seabed Authority for the period 2019–2023

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

1. It is recalled that the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, in its decision relating to the implementation of the strategic plan of the Authority for the period 2019–2023 ([ISBA/25/A/15](#) and [ISBA/25/A/15/Corr.1](#)), committed to the strengthening of existing working practices of the Authority and, accordingly, invited members of the Authority and observers, as well as the organs of the Authority, to support the implementation of the strategic plan and the high-level action plan.

2. For the reporting period 2019–2020, the Council has been assigned some responsibilities for 34 high-level actions and 43 related outputs, as listed in annex II to the aforementioned decision. In eight cases, no specific output has been identified and reporting therefore specifically concerns the high-level action of interest (see high-level actions 2.2.1, 2.3.2, 3.1.4, 3.2.4, 3.4.3, 3.5.2 and 3.5.4). Accordingly, the total number of items identified for the reporting period is 51.

3. The Council has been identified as the organ responsible for 17 outputs, the associated organ for 31 other outputs and the coordinating organ for the remaining outputs. In order to reflect different statuses of completion, in particular the fact that some outputs are recurring, two different subcategories of progress status have been identified: “ongoing”, which relates to outputs that require ongoing attention and adjustments, and “achieved”, which relates to outputs reported against a specific reporting period or action.

* [ISBA/26/A/L.1](#).



4. As at 31 May 2020, 32 of the assigned high-level actions and outputs (63 per cent) had been completed and 19 (37 per cent) were still in progress. Further information is provided in annexes I and II to the present report.

II. Recommendation

5. The Council is invited to take note of the information provided in the present report and to recommend that the Assembly take note of the report.

Annex I**Status of completion of high-level actions and related outputs assigned to the Council for the reporting period 2019–2020**

<i>Strategic direction</i>	<i>Number of items relevant to the reporting</i>	<i>Completed</i>		<i>In progress</i>	<i>On hold</i>	<i>Completion rate (percentage)</i>
		<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Achieved</i>			
Strategic direction 1: realize the role of the Authority in a global context	2	1	–	1	–	50
Strategic direction 2: strengthen the regulatory framework for activities in the Area	9	7	1	1	–	89
Strategic direction 3: protect the marine environment	19	4	5	10	–	47
Strategic direction 4: promote and encourage marine scientific research in the Area	2	–	–	2	–	0
Strategic direction 5: build capacity for developing States	1	–	–	1	–	0
Strategic direction 6: ensure fully integrated participation by developing States	4	1	1	2	–	50
Strategic direction 7: ensure equitable sharing of financial and other economic benefits	–	–	–	–	–	Not applicable
Strategic direction 8: improve the organizational performance of the Authority	7	5	1	1	–	86
Strategic direction 9: commit to transparency	7	5	1	1	–	86
Total	51	23	9	19	–	63

Annex II

Status of implementation by the Council of relevant high-level actions and related outputs for the reporting period 2019–2020

The status of implementation by the Council of relevant high-level actions and related outputs for the reporting period 2019–2020 is available at https://isa.org.jm/files/files/documents/Annex_II.pdf.
