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Italy thanks the facilitator, Mr. Vladislav Kurbatskiy, for his commendable work in trying to bridge positions for a sustainable mechanism for the election of the member of the Legal and Technical Commission.

In general terms my delegation fully agrees with the positions and considerations of Germany and Spain on the nature of the LTC. It is a technical body with delicate functions and responsibilities that needs to be based primarily on the sound scientific and technical expertise of its members. The UNCLOS indicates the other criteria that should be taken into consideration for their election and while we insist that the relevant provisions of the Convention should guide our work on this matter, we trust that a compromise can be reached to the satisfaction of all parties