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## Application submitted by the Government of the Russian Federation for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic sulphides

### Note by the Secretariat

1. On 24 December 2010, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority received an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic sulphides in the Area. The application was submitted pursuant to the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Sulphides in the Area, by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment of the Government of the Russian Federation.
2. In accordance with paragraph (c) of regulation 22, the Secretary-General, by note verbale No. 08/11 dated 18 January 2011, notified members of the Authority of the receipt of that application and circulated information of a general nature that is not confidential regarding the application. The general location of the area referred to in the application is on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.
3. The applicant has elected to offer an equity interest in a joint venture arrangement. The applicant has also elected to pay the fixed fee of \$500,000 for its application, in accordance with paragraph 1 (a) of regulation 21.
4. In accordance with regulation 23, the members of the Legal and Technical Commission were notified of the receipt of the application, and consideration of the application has been included as an item in the agenda of the Commission at its meeting to be held from 4 to 13 July 2011. The application has also been included in the agenda of the Council for consideration at the seventeenth session of the Authority.

