

DOSI intervention regarding item 10: Draft Regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area

**DR59 Closure Plan
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Thank you Mr President,

DOSI agrees with many of the comments made yesterday by Russia, Canada and Germany on para 1 bis. We would like to remind the Council of the Mitigation Hierarchy, and thank the UK in leading on the Standard, which will be a useful and necessary guiding principle here. The current drafting of draft regulation 59 suggests some reliance on the possibility of rehabilitation, remediation or restoration. This is currently not possible, and it is not clear whether this will become ecologically, technologically and financially feasible in the future. Therefore, we would like to remind the Council that any assessment of a potential application for exploitation looks at the Closure Plan with the current possibilities, as we do not know what the future holds, so that no situation can arise where promises cannot be kept.

Thank you Mr President