

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

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Thank you, Mr President.

DOSI supports the proposal in this regulation that a Plan of Work shall only be considered if a REMP is in place. REMPs are essential for both protecting the marine environment and assessing the impact that activities may have on the marine environment.

DOSI would like to thank the LTC member for presenting the new draft of the Standardized procedure for the development, establishment, and review of REMPs, including the template, and the Recommendations on technical guidance for their development. As those documents are essential to set operational environmental goals and objectives, principles, and procedures we would welcome further discussion on them.

Thank you Mr President