

ISA 29th Session, Part II – Reading of the Draft Consolidated Text

Oral Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany

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Regulation 105 - Sponsoring states

We are generally content with the current text of DR 105. However, we believe that a general discussion is needed on sponsorship. For example, it would benefit all states if we had a shared understanding on which measures sponsoring states need to take to meet their due diligence obligation to secure effective compliance by their sponsored Contractors with all their obligations.

We could also consider whether it might be beneficial to insert a safeguard that an exploitation plan of work should not be approved where such application is sponsored by a state that has not enacted adequate domestic legislation to govern sponsorship of exploitation activities in the Area. We look forward to such discussion.