

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

Oral Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany

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Regulation 19 – Joint arrangements

Germany is surprised to see **DR 19.ALT** was deleted from the consolidated draft, despite having been supported by some states. Joint arrangements are provided for under Art 11 of Annex III to the Convention. The details of joint arrangements between the Enterprise and Contractors deserve discussion and could be elaborated in Standards and Guidelines, as was suggested by DR 19.ALT. The risk is that by postponing these discussions indefinitely, the Enterprise could remain excluded from activities in the Area, which would not be in line with the Convention and should hence be avoided.