

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

Oral Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany

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Regulation 8 - Area covered by an application

Germany supports paragraph 3 which clearly sets out the obligation to have adequate and satisfactory environmental baseline data in place and to make them publicly available. We suggest adding in paragraph 3: “, gathered in accordance with the relevant standard,” right after “data” and before “publicly available”.

With regard to Para 4, we support of lifting the square brackets, and further support the proposal by France to replace language in paragraph 5. However, with regard to paragraph 5, and possibly also to paragraph 5alt, we are still contemplating whether these might better be placed in DR 7 – setting out the required information that needs to accompany a Plan of Work – and look forward to hearing other views.