

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

Oral Statement by the Federal Republic of Germany

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Preamble

Germany supports the addition of the word REGULATE in the second paragraph - as this is the purpose of the regulations - as well as the deletions proposed.

We also request that our written proposal from December 2023 be included, namely to add a third paragraph that references the need to view the Mining Code as dynamic and subject to amendments in light of evolving scientific knowledge. This speaks to the fact that we are trying to regulate a future industry in a situation of scientific uncertainty. The wording we had suggested was:

The Authority acknowledges the current uncertainties and limited knowledge about deep ocean ecosystems and the potential effects of activities in the Area and the need to revise these regulations in light of advancements in scientific knowledge.