



Statement re Draft Regulation 2 ISBA/30/C/CRP.1 18 March 2025

With respect to paragraph 1, the International Cable Protection Committee (“ICPC”) supports the proposal of the Netherlands providing that the Regulations be applied in conformity of the Convention and the Agreement. The relevant framework and principles are not limited to Part XI and require this broader proposed reference.

With respect to paragraph 2, the ICPC supports the proposal of Costa Rica, Portugal, Australia, and others to reintroduce paragraph 2 bis providing that Exploitation be carried out in conformity with article 147 of the Convention, with reasonable regard for other activities in the marine environment.

With respect to paragraphs 6 and 7, the ICPC supports the proposal of the Netherlands to include references to “Applicants” and to define the term “Applicant” in the Schedule.