



## **Statement re Draft Regulation 8 ISBA/30/C/CRP.1 19 March 2025**

The International Cable Protection Committee (“ICPC”) supports the proposal of Australia to retain paragraph 5 alt, to include language requiring the application to identify existing and planned submarine cables and pipelines in the area covered by the application, and to retain language requiring that the applicant acknowledge reasonable regard obligations in article 147 of the Convention. The ICPC would be pleased to work with other delegations on specific language. That said, the ICPC believes that to operationalize the due and reasonable regard obligations in articles 87 and 147 of the Convention that a disclosure requirement in Regulation 7 and an LTC assessment requirement in Regulation 13 are necessary. As the application would be confidential, and the LTC review process closed to outside stakeholder participation, LTC review and assessment remains critical.