



*Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chile  
To the International Seabed Authority  
Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.*

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**H.E. Ambassador Olav Myklebust  
President of the Council  
International Seabed Authority  
14-20 Port Royal Str.  
Kingston, Jamaica**

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing concerning the communication of the Republic of Nauru dated 12th November 2024, proposing the addition of an item to the March 2025 Council agenda, and the provisional agenda of the Council set out in document ISBA/30/C/L.1, dated 10th January 2025.

Chile notes the Decision of the Council relating to the understanding and application of section 1, paragraph 15, of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (ISBA/28/C/25) where the Council decided:

1. *“...to further consider actions that the Council may take if an application for a plan of work for exploitation were to be submitted before the Council has completed the RRP’s relating to exploitation” and also decided...”,*
  
2. *“...if an application for a plan of work for exploitation is submitted before the Council has completed the RRP’s relating to exploitation, to continue at its next meeting and prior to the Legal and Technical Commission finalizing its review, its consideration of the understanding and application of paragraph 15 with a view to reaching, as a matter of priority, a common understanding and accordingly reaching a decision, including the possible issuance of guidelines or directives, without prejudice to the mandate of the Commission.”*

Chile considers that the agenda item as proposed by the Republic of Nauru, and as set out at item 12 of the provisional agenda, does not reflect the aforementioned Decision of the Council, which was adopted by consensus in 2023.

Accordingly, Chile requests an amendment to item 12 of the provisional agenda, by replacing it with the following text:

*“Further consideration of actions that the Council may take if an application were to be submitted before the Council has completed the RRP’s relating to exploitation.”*

It is hereby requested that a revised provisional agenda be circulated to members of the Authority, incorporating this proposal, in advance of the March Council meeting.

Sincerely,



H.E. Amb. José Antonio Cabedo  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chile to the international Seabed Authority

Cc: Mrs. Leticia Reis de Carvalho, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority  
Cc: ISA Member States