

- The UK thanks the Secretary-General for her comprehensive report, the Secretariat for its continued work in support of the Authority, and our hosts Jamiaca for their warmth and hospitality.
- The UK reaffirms its strong support for the International Seabed Authority and for the implementation of Part XI of UNCLOS and the 1994 Agreement.
- The UK remains committed to ensuring that any activities in the Area are conducted within the framework established by UNCLOS and the Authority.
- We welcome the significant work undertaken during the reporting period to advance negotiations on the exploitation regulations, including the publication of the Further Revised Consolidated Text and the identification of outstanding issues.
- We view the conclusion of robust exploitation regulations as a key priority for the Authority. These regulations are essential to ensure the effective protection of the marine environment.
- The UK will continue to advocate for robust environmental provisions and high environmental standards throughout these negotiations.
- The UK welcomes the report's recognition of the Authority's contribution to marine scientific research.
- We believe capacity-building, scientific cooperation and the sharing of knowledge remain important elements of the Authority's work and should continue to be strengthened.

- We note the Secretariat's work to enhance administrative systems, risk management, transparency and accountability, and encourage continued focus on ensuring value for money and effective delivery of the Authority's mandate.
- We are pleased that the UK has been able to contribute to the Voluntary Trust Funds supporting participation by members of the Legal and Technical Commission, Finance Committee and Council.
- The UK thanks the Secretary-General and Secretariat for their continued efforts during a period of significant activity for the Authority.
- We look forward to working constructively with all delegations to support the Authority's important work in the year ahead.