

**COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY**  
**Intersessional work (19 July 2025 – 8 March 2026)**  
v. 15 October 2025

**INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS**

<i>Focus</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>	<i>Documents</i>	<i>Activity/Meetings/Deadlines</i>
1. Effective control (Cross-cutting issues and draft regulations 5, 6, 13, 21, 24 and 40, annex I, sect. I, para. 13 ter, definition in schedule)	Chile and Costa Rica		
2. Inspection, compliance and enforcement mechanism (Draft regulation 102)	Norway		
3. Equalization measure (Draft regulation 64 bis and draft equalization standard)	Australia		
4. Rights and interests of coastal States (Cross-cutting issues)	Portugal and Singapore		
5. Underwater cultural heritage (Cross-cutting issues, including draft regulations 35 and 35 alt)	Brazil, Greece and Micronesia (Federated States of)	<a href="#">Second revision of the comprehensive set of draft textual proposals on UCH</a>	<p>Deadline for objections on the proposed schedule (below), <b>24 October 2025</b>.</p> <p>Proposed schedule:</p> <p>1) meeting on <b>3 November 2025</b> at 8pm EST (i.e., New York time) and a meeting on <b>4 November 2025</b> at 8am EST.</p> <p>(two meetings in this set to accommodate different time zones)</p>

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			<p>2) meeting on <b>24 November 2025</b> at 8pm EST and on <b>25 November 2025</b> at 8am EST.</p> <p>(two meetings in this set to accommodate different time zones)</p> <p>Deadline for submission of any (additional) inputs on the current Rev. 2 of the UCH document and/or on UCH matters in general, by <b>22 October 2024</b>.</p>
6. Environmental management and monitoring (Sect. 3 of part IV, draft regulations 49–52 and annex VII)	Norway		
7. Test mining (Draft regulations 48 ter and 48 ter alt.)	Belgium, China and Germany		
8. Closure plans (Part VI, draft regulations 59–61)	Fiji		
9. Reference to regional environmental management plans (REMPS) (Cross-cutting issues)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <a href="mailto:emma.vanden.boogaard@minienw.nl">emma.vanden.boogaard@minienw.nl</a>	<a href="#">Report of the Fourth Meeting, 9 October 2025.</a>	<p>Fourth Meeting, <b>9 October 2025</b>.</p> <p>Deadline for written comments: <b>20 October 2025</b>.</p> <p>Facilitators will circulate revised draft <b>22/23 October 2025</b>.</p> <p>Fifth meeting, <b>29 October 2025</b>.</p> <p>Deadline written comments, <b>31 October 2025</b>.</p> <p>After <b>31 October 2025</b>, facilitators will circulate a new draft – short round of comments for mainly small textual changes.</p>

## FRIENDS OF THE PRESIDENT

<i>Focus</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>	<i>Documents</i>	<i>Activity/Meetings/Deadlines</i>
1. Submarine cable protection (Draft regulations 31 and 31bis)	Singapore <a href="mailto:beatrice_chen@mti.gov.sg">beatrice_chen@mti.gov.sg</a>	Report of the meeting, 15 July 2025. Revised proposal for DRs 31 and 31 bis, 16 July 2025.	Deadline for written comments on the revised proposal for DRs 31 and 31 bis, <b>20 October 2025</b> .
2. Review of payment mechanism (Draft regulations 81 and 82, and relevant Standards)	Canada <a href="mailto:jose.benchetrit@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca">jose.benchetrit@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca</a>		
3. Modification of a Plan of Work by a Contractor (Draft regulation 57)	United Kingdom <a href="mailto:fraser.janeczko@fcdo.gov.uk">fraser.janeczko@fcdo.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">DR 57 proposal by UK</a> <a href="#">DR 57 explainer by UK</a> Revised proposal for DR 57, 26 September 2025 Review of comments during July 2025 Council, 26 September 2025	Deadline for written comments on revised proposal for DR 57, COB <b>17 October 2025</b> .
4. Environmental Compensation Fund (Draft regulations 54, 55 and 56)	Mexico <a href="mailto:enoriega@sre.gob.mx">enoriega@sre.gob.mx</a>		
5. Seabed Mining Register (Draft regulation 92)	India		
6. Prevention of corruption (Draft Regulation 40)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <a href="mailto:oliver.whitehead@minbuza.nl">oliver.whitehead@minbuza.nl</a>	<a href="#">DR 40 proposal by Netherlands, 16 September 2025</a>	Deadline written comments on draft text DR 40, <b>17 October 2025</b> .

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7. Environmental Goals and Objectives (Draft Regulation 44ter)	Germany <a href="mailto:klaus.lucke@uba.de">klaus.lucke@uba.de</a>	<a href="#">DR 44ter on Environmental Goals and Objectives</a> <a href="#">DR 44ter proposal by Germany, 18 September 2025</a>  DR 44ter revised draft text, 9 October 2025	1st online meeting, <b>Thu, 16 October 2025, at 9am CET</b> (12:30pm Delhi/6pm Sydney/7pm Suva/1am San Jose), with a duration of one hour.
8. Non-Compliance Notice, Suspension, and Termination of Exploitation Contract (Draft Regulation 103)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <a href="mailto:fleur.pennarts@minienw.nl">fleur.pennarts@minienw.nl</a> ; <a href="mailto:emma.vanden.boogaard@minienw.nl">emma.vanden.boogaard@minienw.nl</a> ; <a href="mailto:oliver.whitehead@minbuza.nl">oliver.whitehead@minbuza.nl</a>		First virtual meetings, <b>22 October 2025</b> . To allow delegations from different time zones to attend (same content), (1) <b>3:00 AM (Jamaica)</b> and (2) <b>11 AM (Jamaica)</b> on that date.