

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY
Intersessional work (19 July 2025 – 8 March 2026)
v. 1 December 2025

INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS

<i>Focus</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>	<i>Documents</i>	<i>Activity/Meetings/Deadlines</i>
1. Effective control (<i>Cross-cutting issues and draft regulations 5, 6, 13, 21, 24 and 40, annex I, sect. I, para. 13 ter, definition in schedule</i>)	Chile and Costa Rica tgomez@rree.go.cr	Report of the IWG, 26 November 2025. Proposal, 26 November 2025.	30 November 2025 , Deadline for written comments on documents of 26 November 2025.
2. Inspection, compliance and enforcement mechanism (<i>Draft regulation 102</i>)	Norway Henning.Johnsen@mf.a.no	Textual proposal submitted for DR102, 1 December 2025. Note and Draft Council Decision Draft Rules of Procedure and Draft Compliance Strategy for the CC.	Online meeting, 25 November 2025 , 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm (CET).
3. Equalization measure (<i>Draft regulation 64 bis and draft equalization standard</i>)	Australia		
4. Rights and interests of coastal States (<i>Cross-cutting issues</i>)	Portugal and Singapore		
5. Underwater cultural heritage (<i>Cross-cutting issues, including draft regulations 35 and 35 alt</i>)	Brazil, Greece and Micronesia (Federated States of) cmulalap@gmail.com	Second revision of the comprehensive set of draft textual proposals on UCH Third revision of the co-facilitators' document on UCH. Fourth non-paper by Spain on DR35, 24 October 2025.	Deadline for objections on the proposed schedule (below), 31 October 2025 . Proposed schedule: 1) meeting on 6 November 2025 at 8pm EST (i.e., New York time) and a meeting on 7 November 2025 at 8am EST.

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		<p>Commentary by France on third non-paper by Spain.</p> <p>Fourth revision of the co-facilitators' document on UCH, 20 November 2025.</p> <p>Commentary by Spain to Rev. 4 document, 25 November 2025.</p>	<p>(two meetings in this set to accommodate different time zones)</p> <p>2) meeting to review the “Fourth revision of the co-facilitators’ document on UCH”, on 24 November 2025 at 8pm EST and on 25 November 2025 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 22 October 2024.</p> <p>Deadline for comments to Rev. 4 document, 26 November 2025, COB (NYC time).</p> <p>28 November 2025, co-facilitators will release to the group a submission version.</p>
<p>6. Environmental management and monitoring (Sect. 3 of part IV, draft regulations 49–52 and annex VII)</p>	<p>Norway</p>		
<p>7. Test mining (Draft regulations 48 ter and 48 ter alt.)</p>	<p>Belgium, China and Germany</p> <p>Tim.Packeiser@bmuk.n.bund.de</p>	<p>Original joint proposal, March 2025.</p>	<p>Online meeting, 10 October 2025.</p> <p>Deadline for proposals and explanatory comments on the <i>original joint proposal</i>, 21 November 2025.</p>
<p>8. Closure plans (Part VI, draft regulations 59–61)</p>	<p>Fiji</p>		
<p>9. Reference to regional environmental management plans (REMPS) (Cross-cutting issues)</p>	<p>Netherlands (Kingdom of the)</p> <p>emma.vanden.boogaard@minienw.nl</p>	<p>Report of the Fourth Meeting, 9 October 2025.</p> <p>Draft report of the intersessional work.</p> <p>Draft textual proposal.</p>	<p>Fourth Meeting, 9 October 2025.</p> <p>Deadline for written comments: 20 October 2025.</p> <p>Facilitators will circulate revised draft 22/23 October 2025.</p> <p>Fifth meeting, 29 October 2025.</p>

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		Report of the intersessional work, 14 November 2025. Textual proposal submitted, 14 November 2025.	<p>Deadline written comments, 31 October 2025.</p> <p>After 31 October 2025, facilitators will circulate a new draft – short round of comments for mainly small textual changes.</p> <p>Deadline for comments to the draft report of the intersessional work and the draft textual proposal, 12 November 2025.</p> <p>Submission to the Secretariat of the report of the intersessional work and the textual proposal, 14 November 2025.</p>

FRIENDS OF THE PRESIDENT

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1. Submarine cable protection (Draft regulations 31 and 31bis)	Singapore beatrice_chen@mti.gov.sg	Report of the meeting, 15 July 2025. Revised proposal for DRs 31 and 31 bis, 16 July 2025. Compilation of inputs, 31 October 2025 + FOP's response. New Rev. 2 proposal, 24 November 2025. Textual proposal submitted, 1 December 2025.	<p>Deadline for written comments on the revised proposal for DRs 31 and 31 bis, 20 October 2025.</p> <p>Deadline for written comments on the following documents: (1) Compilation of inputs, 31 October 2025 + FOP's response, and (2) New Rev. 2 proposal, 28 November 2025.</p>
2. Review of payment mechanism (Draft regulations 81 and 82, and relevant Standards)	Canada jose.benchetrit@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca	Draft text for DRs 81 and 82, 4 November 2025. Draft text for DRs 81 and 82, 21 November 2025.	<p>Two meeting times (to accommodate participants across multiple time zones):</p> <p>Tuesday, 18 November 2025, 19:00 (Jamaica).</p> <p>Wednesday, 19 November 2025, 09:00 (Jamaica).</p> <p>28 November 2025, deadline for written comments on the document “Draft text for DRs 81 and 82, 21 November 2025”.</p>

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3. Modification of a Plan of Work by a Contractor (Draft regulation 57)	United Kingdom fraser.janeczko@fcdo.gov.uk	DR 57 proposal by UK DR 57 explainer by UK Revised proposal for DR 57, 26 September 2025. Review of comments during July 2025 Council, 26 September 2025. Further revised proposal for DR 57, 5 November 2025. Textual proposal for DR57, 26 November 2025.	Deadline for written comments on revised proposal for DR 57, COB 17 October 2025 . Final comments to the “Further revised proposal for DR 57, 5 November 2025”, before 28 November 2025 , when this textual proposal is expected to be submitted to the Secretariat.
4. Environmental Compensation Fund (Draft regulations 54, 55 and 56)	Mexico enoriega@sre.gob.mx	Report and revised text proposals DRs 54, 55, 56, 5 November 2025.	Deadline for written comments on “Report and revised text proposals DRs 54, 55, 56”, 17 November 2025 .
5. Seabed Mining Register (Draft regulation 92)	India sandip.m@gov.in	DR 92, July 2025. Analysis Document SMR, 24 November 2025.	Deadline for written comments on documents (1) DR 92, July 2025, and (2) Analysis Document SMR, 30 November 2025 .
6. Prevention of corruption (Draft Regulation 40)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) oliver.whitehead@minbuza.nl	DR 40 proposal by Netherlands, 16 September 2025 Report of FoP group, 26 November 2025. Textual proposal for DR40, 26 November 2025.	Deadline written comments on draft text DR 40, 17 October 2025 .
7. Environmental Goals and Objectives (Draft Regulation 44ter)	Germany Tim.Packeiser@bmuk.n.bund.de	DR 44ter on Environmental Goals and Objectives DR 44ter proposal by Germany, 18 September 2025 DR 44ter revised draft text, 9 October 2025. Textual proposal submitted, 1 December 2025	1st online meeting, Thu, 16 October 2025, at 9am CET (12:30pm Delhi/6pm Sydney/7pmSuva/1am San Jose), with a duration of one hour.

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8. Non-Compliance Notice, Suspension, and Termination of Exploitation Contract (Draft Regulation 103)	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) fleur.pennarts@minienw.nl ; emma.vandenboogaard@minienw.nl ; oliver.whitehead@minbuza.nl	DR 103 - Discussion paper, 17 October 2025. Report of 2nd meeting, 12 November 2025. Draft textual proposal DR103, 26 November 2025.	First virtual meetings, 22 October 2025 . To allow delegations from different time zones to attend (same content), (1) 3:00 AM (Jamaica) and (2) 11 AM (Jamaica) on that date. Second virtual meeting, 12 November 2025, 8:00 am (Jamaica) . 1 December 2025 , deadline for written comments on “Draft textual proposal DR103, 26 November 2025.”