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Provisional agenda of the Council

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of the President.
4. Election of the Vice-Presidents.
5. Report of the Secretary-General on the credentials of members of the Council.
6. Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, if any.
7. Status of contracts for exploration and related matters, including information on the periodic review of the implementation of approved plans of work for exploration.
8. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of national legislation relating to deep seabed mining and related matters.¹
9. Consideration, with a view to approval, of applications for a plan of work for exploration, if any.²
10. Consideration, with a view to approval, of applications for extension of a contract for exploration, if any.²
11. Consideration, with a view to adoption, of the draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.
12. Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the decision of the Council in 2025 relating to the reports of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission.¹
13. Report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at its thirty-first session.
14. Report of the interim Director General of the Enterprise.¹
15. Operationalization of the Economic Planning Commission.
16. Report of the Finance Committee.¹

¹ To be considered in the second part of the 31st session, in July 2026.

² To be taken up following consideration by the Legal and Technical Commission.

17. Budget of the International Seabed Authority.¹
 18. Adoption of the scale of assessment for contributions to the budget of the International Seabed Authority for the financial period 2027-2028.¹
 19. Engagement and cooperation with BBNJ bodies and processes.
 20. Dates of the next session.¹
 21. Other matters.
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