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Agenda of the Legal and Technical Commission

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.
4. Overview on intersessional activities.

A. Prospecting

5. Consideration of annual reports on prospecting, if any.

B. Activities of contractors

6. Report on the status of the contracts for exploration and periodic reviews of the implementation of plans of work for exploration.
7. Status of the implementation of training programmes under plans of work for exploration and the allocation of training opportunities.
8. Consideration of annual reports of contractors.
9. Consideration of applications for extension of contracts in accordance with the procedures and criteria for the extension of an approved plan of work for exploration pursuant to section 1, paragraph 9, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.
10. Relinquishment of areas under contracts for exploration for polymetallic sulphides and cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts.
11. Review of the environmental impact statements submitted by contractors.



C. Applications for approval of plans of work

12. Consideration of applications for approval of plans of work for exploration, if any.
13. Consideration of applications for approval of plans of work for exploitation, if any.

D. Regulatory activities of the Authority

14. Development of environmental threshold values.
15. Development of standards and guidelines for activities in the Area.

E. Environmental management planning

16. Development, establishment and review of regional environmental management plans.

F. Data management

17. Review of the workplan of the strategic road map for data management of the Authority for the period 2023–2028.

G. Matters referred to the Commission by the Council

18. Development of an election mechanism for the Economic Planning Commission.
19. Development of a procedure and criteria for consideration of a request for the transfer of rights and obligations under a contract for exploitation and relevant issues related to effective control, following its consideration by the Council.

H. Other matters

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