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**Consideration of requests for observer status in accordance with rule 82, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure of the Assembly**

### **Request for observer status in accordance with rule 82, paragraph 1 (d), of the rules of procedure of the Assembly by the secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals**

#### **Note by the secretariat**

1. On 15 December 2025, the secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals submitted a letter to the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority, requesting observer status in the Assembly of the Authority “under the category ‘United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations’”. The text of the letter can be found on the website of the Authority.<sup>1</sup>
2. Rule 82, paragraph 1 (d), of the rules of procedure of the Assembly indicates that the United Nations, its specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other intergovernmental organizations invited by the Assembly may participate as observers in the Assembly. Under rule 82, paragraph 3, such observers may participate in the deliberations of the Assembly upon the invitation of the President on questions within the scope of their competence.
3. Unlike non-governmental organizations, which must demonstrate that they have an interest in a particular aspect of the Authority’s work, intergovernmental organizations, since they generally comprise States members of the Authority, are not required to demonstrate such interest nor to otherwise justify their status.

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\* ISBA/31/A/L.1.

<sup>1</sup> See <https://isa.org.jm/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Secretariat-of-the-Convention-on-the-Conservation-of-Migratory-Species-of-Wild-Animals.pdf>.

