



Part II of the 31st Session of the International Seabed Authority

Assembly

Closing Remarks by Madam Leticia Carvalho

Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority

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Thank you Mr. President.

Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, Colleagues,

Before we conclude today's meeting, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all delegations for their insightful statements and constructive participation in our discussions.

I also take this opportunity to express deep gratitude to our host country Jamaica and looking forward working closer as we prepare for the the next sessions.

Throughout the Sessions deliberations, I have attentively considered the diverse perspectives, insights, and recommendations shared by our esteemed members. The depth of these contributions underscores the significance that all States attribute to the vital work of the Authority and our collective responsibility under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which aims to organize and regulate activities in the Area for the collective benefit of humanity.

I am particularly appreciative of the confidence expressed by numerous delegations in the work of the Secretariat, and I value the constructive suggestions and inquiries put forth. I have also taken careful note of the differing viewpoints articulated; such exchanges

are both natural and enriching in an intergovernmental organization that thrives on open dialogue, mutual respect, and the pursuit of consensus. I would like to reaffirm the unwavering commitment of the Secretariat to serve all members impartially and professionally, in strict adherence to the Convention, the 1994 Agreement, and the established rules, regulations, and procedures of the Authority.

Our mandate is to support the work of the Assembly, the Council, and all subsidiary organs with integrity, transparency, and efficiency.

This past year has presented both significant challenges and noteworthy achievements. We have made strides in enhancing the institutional capacity of the Authority, advancing preparations for the execution of our mandate, improving administrative and financial management, and assisting Member States in achieving the objectives entrusted to this Organization.

As we continue our work, I encourage all delegations to uphold the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect that has long defined the Authority's endeavors.

I look forward to continuing our discussions and to collaborating closely with all delegations to achieve successful outcomes on the

important matters before us. Thank you to all distinguished delegates for your on-going engagement.

Before concluding, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Secretariat, the conference services teams, security personnel, Jamaican Authorities, and all those who have worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of this session.

I thank you and wish you a pleasant rest of the day.