The Secretary-General

Note No. ISA/EOSG/2026/463

The Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority presents its compliments to the Members of the Authority and has the honour to refer to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Council decision ISBA/31/C/38, by which the Council requested the Secretariat to prepare and circulate, by 31 October 2026, a draft road map setting out milestones for the timely adoption of the rules, regulations and procedures relating to exploitation.

In accordance with that decision, the Secretariat has the honour to transmit herewith the draft road map for the consideration of the Members of the Authority, with a view to receiving their comments thereon.

The Secretariat further wishes to inform Members of the Authority that a webinar to present the draft road map will be held on Friday, 20 November 2026. The time of the webinar and the connection details will be communicated in due course.

In this regard, the Secretariat recalls that, pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision ISBA/31/C/38, written comments on the draft road map should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 31 December 2026, by email to council@isa.org.jm. The comments received will inform the preparation of an updated draft road map, which will be circulated to the Members of the Authority at least one month before the commencement of the first part of the thirty-second session of the Council, scheduled to take place from 8 to 19 March 2027.

The Secretariat of the Authority avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Members of the Authority the assurances of its highest consideration.

30 October 2026

All Members of the International Seabed Authority