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THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Establishment and Functions

The International Seabed Authority is established by article 156 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the Convention). In accordance with article 157 of the Convention and section 1, paragraph 1, 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 (the Agreement), the Authority is the organization through which States Parties to the Convention shall, in accordance with the regime for the International Seabed Area established in Part XI of the Convention and the Agreement, organize and control activities in the Area, particularly with a view to administering the resources of the Area.

Entry into force of the Convention

The Convention entered into force on 16 November 1994. Pursuant to article 156, paragraph 2, all States Parties to the Convention are ipso facto members of the Authority. The Agreement was adopted on 28 July 1994 by General Assembly resolution 48/263. After the adoption of the Agreement, any instrument of ratification or formal confirmation of or accession to the Convention shall also represent consent to be bound by the Agreement. No State or entity may establish its consent to be bound by the Agreement unless it has previously established or establishes at the same time its consent to be bound by the Convention.

Entry into force of the Agreement

The Agreement entered into force on 28 July 1996. On the same date, in accordance with article 7, paragraph 3, provisional application of the Agreement terminated. In accordance with the provisions of section 1, paragraph 12(a) of the annex to the Agreement, States and entities referred to in article 3 of the Agreement which had been applying it provisionally and for which it was not in force were able to continue to be members of the Authority on a provisional basis, pending its entry into force for such States and entities, by sending a written notification to the depository to that effect. During the second, third and fourth sessions of the Authority (1996 – 1998), the Council extended the membership, on a provisional basis, of a number of States, and the European Community. Some of those States, and the European Community, have since become parties to the Convention and the Agreement. Provisional membership for all States terminated on 16 November 1998.

The Assembly and The Council

The governing bodies of the Authority are the Assembly and the Council. The Assembly consists of all members of the Authority. As the supreme body of the Authority, to which other bodies are accountable, it is responsible for setting general policies and regularly reviewing the work of the Authority. The Council is the executive body of the Authority. It establishes specific policies and approves applications for exploration or exploitation rights. Its 36 members are elected by the Assembly for rotating four-year terms, according to a formula intended to ensure the representation of all geographical blocs as well as groups with special economic interests affected by seabed mining.

The Legal and Technical Commission ----- The Finance Committee

Also established are a Legal and Technical Commission, which advises the Council, and a Finance Committee which deals with budgetary and related matters. These consist of experts nominated by governments and elected to serve in their individual capacity.



Members of the Authority

As at 4 April, 2007, 152 States and the European Community were members of the Authority. These are:

Albania	Djibouti *
Algeria	Dominica *
Angola *	Egypt *
Antigua and Barbuda *	Equatorial Guinea
Argentina	Estonia
Armenia	European Community
Australia	Fiji
Austria	Finland
Bahamas	France
Bahrain *	Gabon
Bangladesh	Gambia *
Barbados	Georgia
Belarus	Germany
Belgium	Ghana *
Belize	Greece
Benin	Grenada
Bolivia	Guatemala
Bosnia and Herzegovina *	Guinea
Botswana	Guinea-Bissau *
Brazil *	Guyana *
Brunei Darussalam	Haiti
Bulgaria	Honduras
Burkina Faso	Hungary
Cameroon	Iceland
Canada	India
Cape Verde *	Indonesia
Chile	Iraq *
China	Ireland
Comoros *	Italy
Cook Islands	Jamaica
Costa Rica	Japan
Côte d'Ivoire	Jordan
Croatia	Kenya
Cuba	Kiribati
Cyprus	Kuwait
Czech Republic	Lao People's
Democratic Republic of the Congo *	Democratic Republic
Denmark	Latvia
	Lebanon

Lithuania	Saint Kitts and Nevis *
Luxembourg	Saint Lucia *
Madagascar	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines *
Malaysia	Samoa
Maldives	Sao Tome and Principe *
Mali *	Saudi Arabia
Malta	Senegal
Marshall Islands *	Serbia
Mauritania	Seychelles
Mauritius	Sierra Leone
Mexico	Singapore
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Slovakia
Moldova	Slovenia
Monaco	Solomon Islands
Mongolia	Somalia *
Montenegro	South Africa
Mozambique	Spain
Myanmar	Sri Lanka
Namibia	Sudan *
Nauru	Suriname
Nepal	Sweden
Netherlands	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
New Zealand	Togo
Nicaragua	Tonga
Nigeria	Trinidad and Tobago
Niue	Tunisia
Norway	Tuvalu
Oman	Uganda
Pakistan	Ukraine
Palau	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Panama	United Republic of Tanzania
Papua New Guinea	Uruguay *
Paraguay	Vanuatu
Philippines	Viet Nam
Poland	Yemen *
Portugal	Zambia
Qatar	Zimbabwe
Republic of Korea	
Romania	
Russian Federation	

* States which have not yet become parties to the 1994 Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

STATE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY ARRANGED IN REGIONAL GROUPS*

African Group (39 members)

Algeria	Ghana	South Africa
Angola	Guinea	Sudan
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Togo
Botswana	Kenya	Tunisia
Burkina Faso	Madagascar	Uganda
Cameroon	Mali	United Republic of Tanzania
Cape Verde	Mauritania	Zambia
Comoros	Mauritius	Zimbabwe
Côte d'Ivoire	Mozambique	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Namibia	
Djibouti	Nigeria	
Egypt	Sao Tome and Principe	
Equatorial Guinea	Senegal	
Gabon	Seychelles	
Gambia	Sierra Leone	
	Somalia	

Asian Group (42 members)

Bahrain	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Tuvalu
Bangladesh	Mongolia	Vanuatu
Brunei Darussalam	Myanmar	Viet Nam
China	Nauru	Yemen
Cook Islands	Nepal	
Cyprus	Niue	
Fiji	Oman	
India	Pakistan	
Indonesia	Palau	
Iraq	Papua New Guinea	
Japan	Philippines	
Jordan	Qatar	
Kiribati	Republic of Korea	
Kuwait	Samoa	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saudi Arabia	
Lebanon	Singapore	
Malaysia	Solomon Islands	
Maldives	Sri Lanka	
Marshall Islands	Tonga	

Eastern European Group (22 members)

Albania	Georgia	Russian Federation
Armenia	Hungary	Serbia
Belarus	Latvia	Slovakia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lithuania	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Moldova	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Croatia	Montenegro	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Poland	
Estonia	Romania	

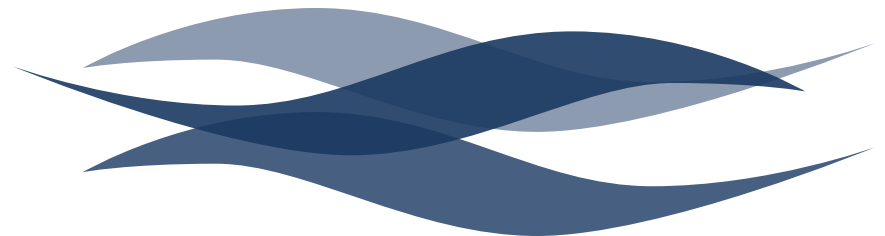
Latin American and Caribbean States Group (27 members)

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Paraguay
Argentina	Grenada	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bahamas	Guatemala	Saint Lucia
Barbados	Guyana	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Haiti	Suriname
Bolivia	Honduras	Trinidad and Tobago
Brazil	Jamaica	Uruguay
Chile	Mexico	
Costa Rica	Nicaragua	
Cuba	Panama	

Western European and Other States Group (22 members)

Australia	Greece	New Zealand
Austria	Iceland	Norway
Belgium	Ireland	Portugal
Canada	Italy	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sweden
Finland	Malta	United Kingdom
France	Monaco	
Germany	Netherlands	

* This grouping is unofficial and based on the practice in the United Nations General Assembly.



MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

In accordance with paragraph 15, of section 3, of the annex to the Agreement, the Council shall consist of 36 members elected by the Assembly in the following order:

(a) Four members from among those States Parties which, during the last five years for which statistics are available, have either consumed more than 2 per cent in value terms of total world consumption or have had net imports of more than 2 per cent in value terms of total world imports of the commodities produced from the categories of minerals to be derived from the Area, provided that the four members shall include one State from the Eastern European region having the largest economy in that region in terms of gross domestic product and the State, on the date of entry into force of the Convention, having the largest economy in terms of gross domestic product, if such States wish to be represented in this group;

(b) Four members from among the eight States Parties which have made the largest investments in preparation for and in the conduct of activities in the Area, either directly or through their nationals;

(c) Four members from among States Parties which, on the basis of production in areas under their jurisdiction, are major net exporters of the categories of minerals to be derived from the Area, including at least two developing States whose exports of such minerals have a substantial bearing upon their economies;

(d) Six members from among developing States Parties, representing special interests. The special interests to be represented shall include those of States with large populations, States which are land-locked or geographically disadvantaged, island States, States which are major importers of the categories of minerals to be derived from the Area, States which are potential producers for such minerals and least developed States;

(e) Eighteen members elected according to the principle of ensuring an equitable geographical distribution of seats in the Council as a whole, provided that each geographical region shall have at least one member elected under this subparagraph. For this purpose, the geographical regions shall be Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Western Europe and Others.

Article 161, paragraph 3, of the Convention provides that elections shall take place at regular sessions of the Assembly. The term of office of each member of the Council is four years, except that at the first election, the term of one-half of the members of each Group was for two years. The first Council of the Authority was elected by the Assembly at the second session of the Authority in March 1996. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention, the term of one-half of the members elected at that time expired in 1998.

On 25 March 1998, at its fifty-third meeting, the Assembly decided that, in order to harmonize the terms of office of the members of the Council to be elected in 1998, their four-year term would commence on 1 January 1999 and continue for a period of four calendar years until 31 December 2002.

The Assembly also decided that the terms of office of the members of the Council elected in 1996 for a two-year term would end on 31 December 1998. Thereafter new members were elected for the normal term of four years.

At its recent elections held on 17 August 2006, at the 106th meeting, the Assembly elected the following members of the Council for a four-year period as from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2010, subject to the understandings reached in the regional and interest groups. These are:

Group A: Italy, Russian Federation

Group B: France, Germany

Group C: Canada¹, Indonesia

Group D: Egypt, Fiji, Jamaica

Group E: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Honduras², Mexico, Nigeria, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Viet Nam

In 2007, Senegal will relinquish its seat on behalf of the African Group, which will occupy 9 seats in that year (in italics in the table on the composition of the Council). In 2008, the Asian Group will nominate the member that will relinquish a seat on behalf of the Asian Group that will occupy 8 seats in that year.

The composition of the Council for the period 2007-2010 is given in the table on page 13.

1 Canada will relinquish its seat in Group C to Australia from 1 January 2009 for two years.

2 Honduras will relinquish its seat in Group E to Chile from 1 January 2009 for two years.

LIST OF DECISIONS

of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the elections to fill the vacancies on the Council in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the Convention

ISBA/A/L.8, Composition of the First Council of the International Seabed Authority, (*Selected Decisions* 1/2/3, 15-17).

ISBA/4/A/6, Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies of the Council, in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the Convention, (*Selected Decisions* 4, 40-41).

ISBA/5/A/7, Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill vacancies on the Council, (*Selected Decisions* 5, 18).

ISBA/6/A/14, Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies on the Council, in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the Convention, (*Selected Decisions* 6, 28-29).

ISBA/8/A/10, Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies in the Council of the Authority, in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, (*Selected Decisions* 8, 27-28).

ISBA/10/A/12, Statement of the President on the work of the Assembly at the tenth session, (*Selected Decisions* 10, paragraph 37-38, 62).

ISBA/12/A/12, Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to election to fill the vacancies on the Council in accordance with article 161, paragraph 3, of the Convention, *Selected Decisions* 12, 23-25.

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 2007 – 2010

2007	2008	2009	2010
GROUP A (4 members)			
China	China		
Japan	Japan		
Italy	Italy	Italy	Italy
Russian Federation	Russian Federation	Russian Federation	Russian Federation
GROUP B (4 members)			
India	India		
United Kingdom	United Kingdom		
France	France	France	France
Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany
GROUP C (4 members)			
Portugal	Portugal		
South Africa	South Africa		
Canada	Canada	Australia	Australia
Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia	Indonesia
GROUP D (6 members)			
Brazil	Brazil		
Malaysia	Malaysia		
Sudan	Sudan		
Egypt	Egypt	Egypt	Egypt
Fiji	Fiji	Fiji	Fiji
Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica
GROUP E (18 members)			
Argentina	Argentina		
Czech Republic	Czech Republic		
Gabon	Gabon		
Guyana	Guyana		
Kenya	Kenya		
Namibia	Namibia		
Netherlands	Netherlands		
Poland	Poland		
<i>Senegal</i>	Senegal		
Spain	Spain		
Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago		
Cameroon	Cameroon	Cameroon	Cameroon
Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire
Honduras	Honduras	Chile	Chile
Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico
Nigeria	Nigeria	Nigeria	Nigeria
Qatar	Qatar	Qatar	Qatar
Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea
Viet Nam	Viet Nam	Viet Nam	Viet Nam

PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly meets in regular annual sessions, unless it decides otherwise. Before the end of each session, the Assembly shall decide on the date of commencement and the approximate duration of its next session. The President of the Assembly is elected at the commencement of each regular session and shall hold office until a new President is elected at the next regular session. The Assembly also elects four Vice-Presidents.

- 1996 Hasjim Djalal (Indonesia)
- 1997 S. Amos Wako (Kenya)
- 1998 Tadeusz Bachleda-Curuś (Poland)
- 1999 José Luis Vallarta Marrón (Mexico)
- 2000 Liesbeth Lijnzaad (Netherlands)
- 2001 Peter Dickson Donigi (Papua New Guinea)
- 2002 Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon)
- 2003 Josef Franzen (Slovakia)
- 2004 Dennis Francis (Trinidad and Tobago)
- 2005 Olav Myklebust (Norway)
- 2006 Sainivalati S. Navoti (Fiji)

PRESIDENTS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council meets in regular annual sessions, unless it decides otherwise. Before the end of each session, the Council shall decide on the date of commencement and the appropriate duration of its next session. The President of the Council, and four Vice-Presidents, are elected by the Council at the opening of each annual regular session and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

- 1997 Lennox Ballah (Trinidad and Tobago)
- 1998 Joachim Koch (Germany)
- 1999 Charles Manyang D'Awol (Sudan)
- 2000 Sakiusa Rabuka (Fiji)
- 2001 Tadeusz Bachleda-Curuś (Poland)
- 2002 Fernando Pardo Huerta (Chile)
- 2003 Domenico da Empoli (Italy)
- 2004 Baïdy Diène (Senegal)
- 2005 Park Hee-kwon (Republic of Korea)
- 2006 Mariusz-Orion Jędrysek (Poland)

MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL COMMISSION

The election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission was held on 14 August 2006 at the 111th meeting of the Council.

The following 25 members hold a five-year term of office from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2011³.

- Armas Pfirter, Frida María (Argentina)
- Auzende, Jean-Marie (France)
- Billett, David Stewart Martin (United Kingdom)
- Davis-Mattis, Laleta (Jamaica)
- De Sá Leitão, Walter (Brazil)
- Diène, Baïdy (Senegal)
- Dos Santos Alberto Chissano, Miguel (Mozambique)
- Escobar, Elva G. (Mexico)
- Fyodorov, Sergey Ivanovich (Russian Federation)
- Hamutenya, Kennedy (Namibia)
- Hussein, Said S. (Kenya)
- Igarashi, Yoshiaki (Japan)
- Inam, Asif (Pakistan)
- Kalngui, Emmanuel (Cameroon)
- Kim, Woong-Seo (Republic of Korea)
- Lopera Caballero, Eusebio (Spain)
- Przybycin, Andrzej (Poland)
- Samy, Mahmoud (Egypt)
- Sciso, Elena (Italy)
- Maruthadu, Sudhakar (India)
- Mataitoga, Isikeli Uluinairai (Fiji)
- Mulsow Flores, Sandor (Chile)
- Tugio, Adam Mulawarman (Indonesia)
- Wiedicke-Hombach, Michael (Germany)
- Zhang, Hongtao (China)

Chairman of the Commission:

Mr. Lindsay M. Parson (United Kingdom) (outgoing member)

Vice Chairman of the Commission:

Mr. Yoshiaki Igarashi (Japan)

³ ISBA/12/C/11, Decision of the Council relating to the election of members of the Legal and Technical Commission, *Selected Decisions* 12, 39-40.

MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The election of members of the Finance Committee was held during the twelfth session.

The Assembly elected the following 15 members for the period 1 January 2007 – 31 December 2011⁴.

Liu, Jian (China)

Denis Fontes De Souza Pinto (Brazil)

Oleg Alekseevich Safronov (Russian Federation)

Alexander Stedtfeld (Germany)

Juliet Semambo Kalema (Uganda)

Hasjim Djalal (Indonesia)

Christopher Adrian Whomersley (United Kingdom)

Neeru Chadha (India)

Shinichi Yamanaka (Japan)

Jean-Pierre Lévy (France)

Domenico Da Empoli (Italy)

Olav Myklebust (Norway)

Pavel Kavina (Czech Republic)

Kyaw Moe Tun (Myanmar)

Trecia Elliot (Jamaica)

Chairman of the Committee:

Mr. Hasjim Djalal (Indonesia)

⁴ ISBA/12/A/13, Statement of the President on the work of the Assembly at the Twelfth Session, *Selected Decisions* 12, 30-31.

OBSERVERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

I. States and entities referred to in article 305 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea which are not members of the Authority

Afghanistan	Lesotho
Andorra	Liberia
Azerbaijan	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Bhutan	Liechtenstein
Burundi	Malawi
Cambodia	Morocco
Central African Republic	Niger
Chad	Peru
Colombia	Rwanda
Congo	San Marino
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Swaziland
Dominican Republic	Switzerland
Ecuador	Syrian Arab Republic
El Salvador	Tajikistan
Eritrea	Thailand
Ethiopia	Timor Leste
Holy See	Turkey
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Turkmenistan
Israel	United Arab Emirates
Kazakhstan	United States of America
Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan
	Venezuela

II. National liberation movements which in their respective regions are recognized by the Organization of African Unity or by the League of Arab States^a

Palestine^b

^a In accordance with rule 82 (1) (b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

^b The designation "Palestine Liberation Organization" has been changed by resolution 43/177 of the General Assembly of the United Nations to "Palestine." In the UN Blue Book, Palestine is listed under "Entities", just after the non-member States, in order to reflect the political changes and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

III. The United Nations, its specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other intergovernmental organizations invited by the Assembly^c

United Nations
United Nations Environment Programme
United Nations Development Programme

International Labour Organization
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
World Health Organization
World Bank
International Monetary Fund
International Civil Aviation Organization
Universal Postal Union
International Telecommunication Union
World Meteorological Organization
International Maritime Organization
World Intellectual Property Organization
International Fund for Agricultural Development
United Nations Industrial Development Organization

International Atomic Energy Agency

World Trade Organization
Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
Inter-American Development Bank
International Hydrographic Bureau
International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund
Interoceanmetal Joint Organization
International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
Permanent Commission for the South Pacific
South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission

^c In accordance with rule 82 (1) (d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

IV. Non-governmental organizations with which the Secretary-General has entered into arrangements in accordance with article 169, paragraph 1, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and other non-governmental organizations invited by the Assembly which have demonstrated their interest in matters under the consideration by the Assembly^d

Greenpeace International
International Association of Drilling Contractors
International Ocean Institute
Law of the Sea Institute

^d In accordance with rule 82 (1) (e) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

LISTS OF RATIFICATIONS, ACCESSIONS
AND SUCCESSIONS TO THE UNITED
NATIONS CONVENTION OF THE LAW OF
THE SEA AND THE 1994 AGREEMENT
RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
PART XI OF THE CONVENTION

153	Moldova (6 February 2007)	Moldova (6 February 2007)	127
152	Montenegro (23 October 2006)	Montenegro (23 October 2006)	126
151	Niue (11 October 2006)	Niue (11 October 2006)	125
150	Belarus (30 August 2006)	Belarus (30 August 2006)	124
149	Estonia (26 August 2005)	Estonia (26 August 2005)	122
148	Burkina Faso (25 January 2005)	Burkina Faso (25 January 2005)	120
147	Latvia (23 December 2004)	Latvia (23 December 2004)	119
146	Denmark (16 November 2004)	Denmark (16 November 2004)	118
145	Lithuania (12 November 2003)	Lithuania (12 November 2003)	117
144	Canada (7 November 2003)	Canada (7 November 2003)	116
143	Albania (23 June 2003)	Albania (23 June 2003)	114
142	Kiribati (24 February 2003)	Kiribati (24 February 2003)	112
141	Tuvalu (9 December 2002)	Tuvalu (9 December 2002)	111
140	Qatar (9 December 2002)	Qatar (9 December 2002)	110
139	Armenia (9 December 2002)	Armenia (9 December 2002)	109
138	Hungary (5 February 2002)	Hungary (5 February 2002)	104
137	Madagascar (22 August 2001)	Madagascar (22 August 2001)	102
136	Bangladesh (27 July 2001)	Bangladesh (27 July 2001)	101
135	Serbia (12 March 2001)	Serbia (28 July 1995)	36
134	Luxembourg (5 October 2000)	Luxembourg (5 October 2000)	100
133	Maldives (7 September 2000)	Maldives (7 September 2000)	99
132	Nicaragua (3 May 2000)	Nicaragua (3 May 2000)	97
131	Vanuatu (10 August 1999)	Vanuatu (10 August 1999)	96
130	Ukraine (26 July 1999)	Ukraine (26 July 1999)	95
129	Poland (13 November 1998)	Poland (13 November 1998)	94
128	Belgium (13 November 1998)	Belgium (13 November 1998)	93
127	Nepal (2 November 1998)	Nepal (2 November 1998)	92
126	Suriname (9 July 1998)	Suriname (9 July 1998)	91
125	Lao People's Democratic Republic (5 June 1998)	Lao People's Democratic Republic (5 June 1998)	89
124	European Community (1 April 1998)	European Community (1 April 1998)	88
123	Gabon (11 March 1998)	Gabon (11 March 1998)	87
122	South Africa (23 December 1997)	South Africa (23 December 1997)	86
121	Portugal (3 November 1997)	Portugal (3 November 1997)	85
120	Benin (16 October 1997)	Benin (16 October 1997)	84
119	Chile (25 August 1997)	Chile (25 August 1997)	83
118	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (25 July 1997)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (25 July 1997)	82
117	Equatorial Guinea (21 July 1997)	Equatorial Guinea (21 July 1997)	80
116	Solomon Islands (23 June 1997)	Solomon Islands (23 June 1997)	79
115	Mozambique (13 March 1997)	Mozambique (13 March 1997)	78
114	Russian Federation (12 March 1997)	Russian Federation (12 March 1997)	77
113	Pakistan (26 February 1997)	Pakistan (26 February 1997)	76
112	Guatemala (11 February 1997)	Guatemala (11 February 1997)	74
111	Spain (15 January 1997)	Spain (15 January 1997)	73
110	Papua New Guinea (14 January 1997)	Papua New Guinea (14 January 1997)	72
109	Romania (17 December 1996)	Romania (17 December 1996)	71
108	Brunei Darussalam (5 November 1996)	Brunei Darussalam (5 November 1996)	70
107	Malaysia (14 October 1996)	Malaysia (14 October 1996)	69
106	Palau (30 September 1996)	Palau (30 September 1996)	68
105	Mongolia (13 August 1996)	Mongolia (13 August 1996)	67
104	Haiti (31 July 1996)	Haiti (31 July 1996)	66
103	New Zealand (19 July 1996)	New Zealand (19 July 1996)	65
102	Mauritania (17 July 1996)	Mauritania (17 July 1996)	64
101	Panama (1 July 1996)	Panama (1 July 1996)	63

100	Netherlands (28 June 1996)	Netherlands (28 June 1996)	62
99	Sweden (25 June 1996)	Sweden (25 June 1996)	60
98	Norway (24 June 1996)	Norway (24 June 1996)	59
97	Ireland (21 June 1996)	Ireland (21 June 1996)	58
96	Finland (21 June 1996)	Finland (21 June 1996)	57
95	Czech Republic (21 June 1996)	Czech Republic (21 June 1996)	56
94	Japan (20 June 1996)	Japan (20 June 1996)	55
93	Algeria (11 June 1996)	Algeria (11 June 1996)	54
92	China (7 June 1996)	China (7 June 1996)	53
91	Myanmar (21 May 1996)	Myanmar (21 May 1996)	52
90	Bulgaria (15 May 1996)	Bulgaria (15 May 1996)	51
89	Slovakia (8 May 1996)	Slovakia (8 May 1996)	50
88	Saudi Arabia (24 April 1996)	Saudi Arabia (24 April 1996)	49
87	France (11 April 1996)	France (11 April 1996)	48
86	Georgia (21 March 1996)	Georgia (21 March 1996)	47
85	Monaco (20 March 1996)	Monaco (20 March 1996)	46
84	Republic of Korea (29 January 1996)	Republic of Korea (29 January 1996)	45
83	Nauru (23 January 1996)	Nauru (23 January 1996)	44
82	Argentina (1 December 1995)	Argentina (1 December 1995)	43
81	Jordan (27 November 1995)	Jordan (27 November 1995)	42
80	Samoa (14 August 1995)	Samoa (14 August 1995)	40
79	Tonga (2 August 1995)	Tonga (2 August 1995)	39
78	Greece (21 July 1995)	Greece (21 July 1995)	19
77	Austria (14 July 1995)	Austria (14 July 1995)	18
76	India (29 June 1995)	India (29 June 1995)	16
75	Slovenia (16 June 1995)	Slovenia (16 June 1995)	15
74	Bolivia (28 April 1995)	Bolivia (28 April 1995)	14
73	Croatia (5 April 1995)	Croatia (5 April 1995)	13
72	Cook Islands (15 February 1995)	Cook Islands (15 February 1995)	12
71	Italy (13 January 1995)	Italy (13 January 1995)	11
70	Lebanon (5 January 1995)	Lebanon (5 January 1995)	10
69	Sierra Leone (12 December 1994)	Sierra Leone (12 December 1994)	8
68	Singapore (17 November 1994)	Singapore (17 November 1994)	7
67	Mauritius (4 November 1994)	Mauritius (4 November 1994)	6
66	Germany (14 October 1994)	Germany (14 October 1994)	4
65	Australia (5 October 1994)	Australia (5 October 1994)	3
64	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (19 August 1994)	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (19 August 1994)	2
63	Viet Nam (25 July 1994)	Viet Nam (27 April 2006)	123
62	Sri Lanka (19 July 1994)	Sri Lanka (28 July 1995)	32
61	Comoros (21 June 1994)		
60	Bosnia and Herzegovina (12 January 1994)		
59	Guyana (16 November 1993)		
58	Barbados (12 October 1993)	Barbados (28 July 1995)	23
57	Honduras (5 October 1993)	Honduras (28 July 2003)	115
56	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (1 October 1993)		
55	Malta (20 May 1993)	Malta (26 June 1996)	61
54	Zimbabwe (24 February 1993)	Zimbabwe (28 July 1995)	38
53	Saint Kitts and Nevis (7 January 1993)		
52	Uruguay (10 December 1992)		
51	Costa Rica (21 September 1992)	Costa Rica (20 September 2001)	103
50	Dominica (24 October 1991)		
49	Djibouti (8 October 1991)		
48	Seychelles (16 September 1991)	Seychelles (15 December 1994)	9
47	Marshall Islands (9 August 1991)		
46	Micronesia (Federated States of) (29 April 1991)	Micronesia (Federated States of) (6 September 1995)	41
45	Grenada (25 April 1991)	Grenada (28 July 1995)	26

44	Angola (5 December 1990)		
43	Uganda (9 November 1990)	Uganda (28 July 1995)	35
42	Botswana (2 May 1990)	Botswana (31 January 2005)	121
41	Oman (17 August 1989)	Oman (26 February 1997)	75
40	Somalia (24 July 1989)		
39	Kenya (2 March 1989)	Kenya (29 July 1994)	1
38	Democratic Republic of the Congo (17 February 1989)		
37	Antigua and Barbuda (2 February 1989)		
36	Brazil (22 December 1988)		
35	Cyprus (12 December 1988)	Cyprus (27 July 1995)	21
34	Sao Tome and Principe (3 November 1987)		
33	Cape Verde (10 August 1987)		
32	Yemen (21 July 1987)		
31	Paraguay (26 September 1986)	Paraguay (10 July 1995)	17
30	Guinea-Bissau (25 August 1986)		
29	Nigeria (14 August 1986)	Nigeria (28 July 1995)	31
28	Kuwait (2 May 1986)	Kuwait (2 August 2002)	106
27	Trinidad and Tobago (25 April 1986)	Trinidad and Tobago (28 July 1995)	34
26	Indonesia (3 February 1986)	Indonesia (2 June 2000)	98
25	Cameroon (19 November 1985)	Cameroon (28 August 2002)	107
24	United Republic of Tanzania (30 September 1985)	United Republic of Tanzania (25 June 1998)	90
23	Guinea (6 September 1985)	Guinea (28 July 1995)	27
22	Iraq (30 July 1985)		
21	Mali (16 July 1985)		
20	Iceland (21 June 1985)	Iceland (28 July 1995)	28
19	Bahrain (30 May 1985)		
18	Tunisia (24 April 1985)	Tunisia (24 May 2002)	105
17	Togo (16 April 1985)	Togo (28 July 1995)	33
16	Saint Lucia (27 March 1985)		
15	Sudan (23 January 1985)		
14	Senegal (25 October 1984)	Senegal (25 July 1995)	20
13	Cuba (15 August 1984)	Cuba (17 October 2002)	108
12	Gambia (22 May 1984)		
11	Philippines (8 May 1984)	Philippines (23 July 1997)	81
10	Côte d'Ivoire (26 March 1984)	Côte d'Ivoire (28 July 1995)	24
9	Egypt (26 August 1983)		
8	Belize (13 August 1983)	Belize (21 October 1994)	5
7	Bahamas (29 July 1983)	Bahamas (28 July 1995)	22
6	Ghana (7 June 1983)		
5	Namibia (18 April 1983)	Namibia (28 July 1995)	30
4	Jamaica (21 March 1983)	Jamaica (28 July 1995)	29
3	Mexico (18 March 1983)	Mexico (10 April 2003)	113
2	Zambia (7 March 1983)	Zambia (28 July 1995)	37
1	Fiji (10 December 1982)	Fiji (28 July 1995)	25

As at 4 April 2007

CONTRACTORS

CONTRACTORS FOR SEABED EXPLORATION

In 2001 and 2002, in accordance with the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules in the Area, approved by the Assembly on 13 July 2000, the International Seabed Authority entered into the first fifteen year contracts for exploration for polymetallic nodules in the deep seabed with the seven former pioneer investors registered pursuant to resolution II of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. The conclusion of contracts allows these contractors to explore for polymetallic nodules in specified parts of the deep oceans outside national jurisdiction. In 2006, the eighth contract was signed with the Federal Republic of Germany. The contracts were signed by the Secretary-General of the Authority, Satya N. Nandan, and by officials of the organizations or governments. The contractors are:



The Government of India (registered on 17 August 1987). The contract between the Authority and the Government of India was signed on 25 March 2002 at the Authority's Headquarters in Kingston by the Secretary-General and Mr. H. K. Gupta, Secretary of the Department of Ocean Development.



Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer / Association française pour l'étude et la recherche des nodules (IFREMER/AFERNOD), of France (registered on 17 December 1987). The contract between the Authority and IFREMER/AFERNOD was signed on 20 June 2001 in Kingston by the Secretary-General and Ambassador Pierre-Antoine Berniard on behalf of Mr. Jean-Francois Minster, President of IFREMER.



Deep Ocean Resources Development Company (DORD) of Japan (registered on 17 December 1987). The contract between the Authority and DORD was signed on 20 June 2001 in Kingston by the Secretary-General and Mr. Toshio Takada, President of DORD.



State Enterprise Yuzhmorgeologiya of the Russian Federation (registered on 17 December 1987). The contract between the Authority and Yuzhmorgeologiya was signed on 29 March 2001 in Kingston by the Secretary-General and Mr. Ivan F. Gloumov, Deputy Minister – State Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Russian Federation.



China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association (COMRA) of the People's Republic of China

(registered on 5 March 1991). The contract between the Authority and COMRA was signed in Beijing on 22 May 2001 by the Secretary-General and Mr. Jin Jincai, Secretary-General of COMRA.



Interoceanmetal Joint Organization (IOM), a consortium formed by Bulgaria, Cuba, Czech Republic, Poland, Russian Federation and Slovakia

(registered on 21 August 1991). The contract between the Authority and IOM was signed on 29 March 2001 in Kingston by the Secretary-General and Dr. Ryszard Kotlinski, Director-General of IOM.



The Government of the Republic of Korea

(registered on 2 August 1994). The contract between the Authority and the Government of the Republic of Korea was signed on 29 March 2001 in Kingston by the Secretary-General and on 27 April 2001 in Seoul by the Minister for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Woo-Taik Chung.

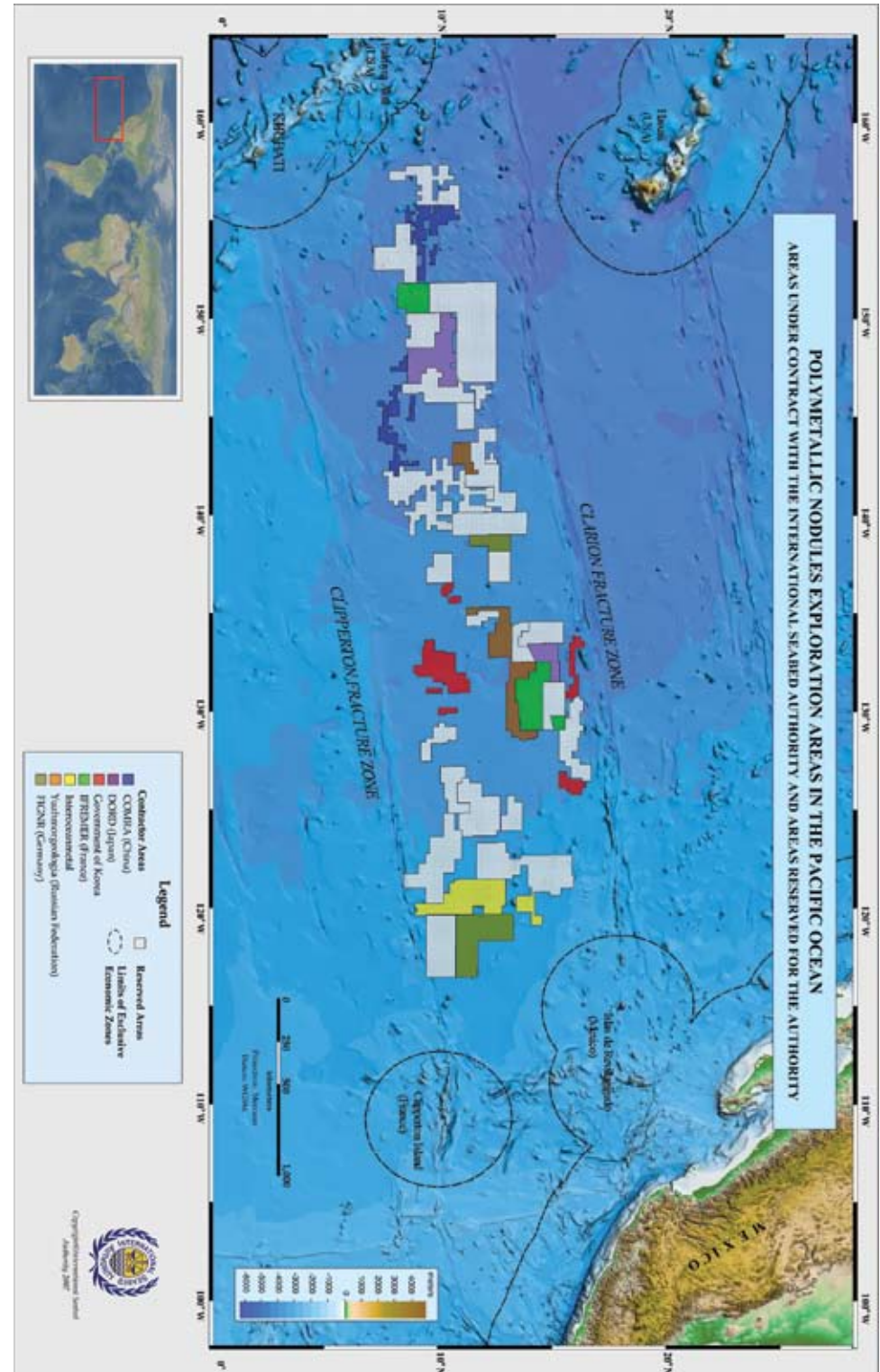


Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of the Federal Republic of Germany

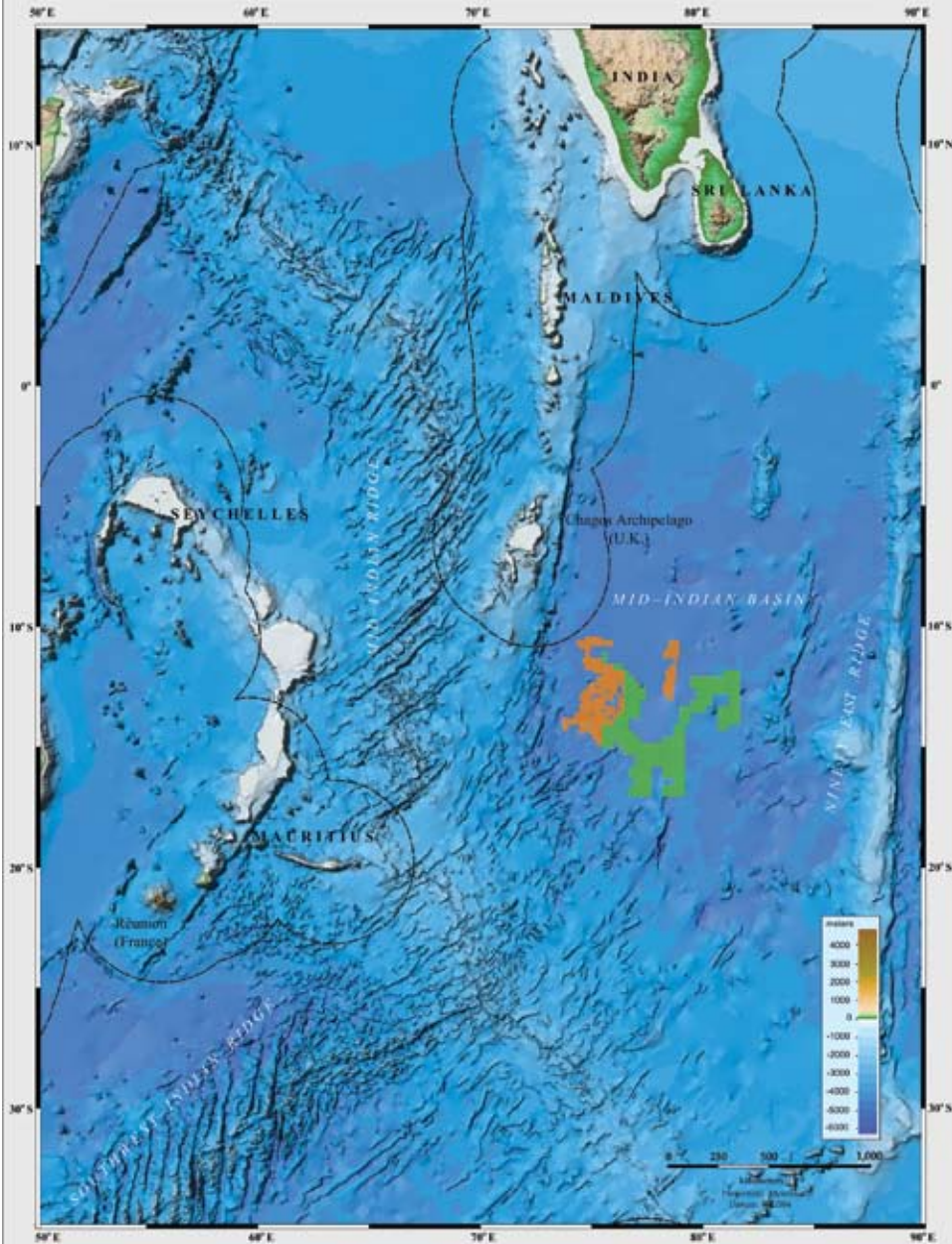
The contract between the Authority and the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of the Federal Republic of Germany was signed on 19 July 2006 in Berlin by the Secretary-General and Dr. B. Stribny, President of the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources.

The signature of these exploration contracts represented an important milestone because it has brought to an end the interim regime established by resolution II. More importantly, it gives practical and real effect to the single regime for the Area established by the 1982 Convention and the 1994 Agreement and the Regulations and, as such, represents a significant step forward for the international community.

Under the Regulations, each contractor has the exclusive right to explore an initial area of up to 150,000 square kilometres. Over the first eight years of the contract, half of this area is to be relinquished. Seven of the exploration areas are in the Central Pacific Ocean south and southeast of Hawaii, and one is in the middle of the Indian Ocean.



POLYMETALLIC NODULES EXPLORATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN



- Area under contract with the International Seabed Authority and the Government of India
- Area reserved for the International Seabed Authority
- Limits of Exclusive Economic Zones



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PROTOCOL ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

PROTOCOL ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

The Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority was adopted by consensus at the fifty-fourth meeting of the Assembly on 26 March 1998. The decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority is contained in document ISBA/4/A/8*.

The Protocol deals with the privileges and immunities of the Authority in relation to those matters which are not already covered in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (articles 176 to 183) and is based substantially on articles I, II, IV, V, VI and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946, together with the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of 21 November 1947. The Protocol was open for signature at the headquarters of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, from 17 August until 28 August 1998, and subsequently, until 16 August 2000 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

After the deposit of the required ten instruments of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession, the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority entered into force on 31 May 2003.

The following table shows the status of the twenty-two parties to the Protocol as at 26 April 2007.

* ISBA/4/A/8, Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority, (*Selected Decisions* 4, 42-49).



STATUS OF THE PROTOCOL ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Member of the Authority	Signature	Ratification, approval (AA), acceptance (A) or accession (a)
Argentina		20 October 2006 (a)
Austria		25 September 2003 (a)
Bahamas	26 August 1998	
Brazil	27 August 1998	
Cameroon		28 August 2002 (a)
Chile	14 April 1999	8 February 2005
Côte d'Ivoire	25 September 1998	
Croatia		8 September 2000 (a)
Czech Republic	1 August 2000	26 October 2001
Denmark		16 November 2004 (a)
Egypt	26 April 2000	20 June 2001
Finland	31 March 1999	
Ghana	12 January 1999	
Greece	14 October 1998	
India		14 November 2005 (a)
Indonesia	26 August 1998	
Italy	18 May 2000	19 July 2006
Jamaica	26 August 1998	25 September 2002
Kenya	26 August 1998	
Malta	26 July 2000	
Mauritius		22 December 2004 (a)
Namibia	24 September 1999	
Netherlands	26 August 1998	21 November 2002 (A)
Nigeria		1 May 2003 (a)
Norway		10 May 2006 (a)
Oman	19 August 1999	12 March 2004
Pakistan	9 September 1999	
Portugal	6 April 2000	2 February 2007
Saudi Arabia	11 October 1999	
Senegal	11 June 1999	
Slovakia	22 June 1999	20 April 2000
Spain	14 September 1999	9 January 2001
Sudan	6 August 1999	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17 September 1998	
Trinidad and Tobago	26 August 1998	10 August 2005
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	19 August 1999	2 November 2000
Uruguay	21 October 1998	6 July 2006 (a)

(As at 26 April 2007)

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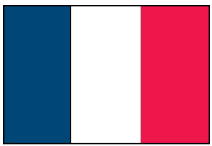
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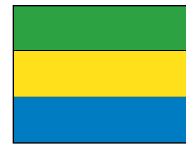
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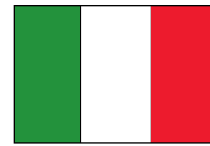
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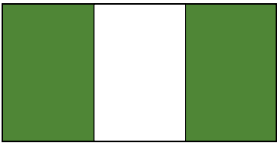
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GUIDELINES ON PROTOCOL FOR
PERMANENT MISSIONS TO THE
INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

GUIDELINES ON PROTOCOL FOR PERMANENT MISSIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Establishment of a permanent mission

A member State of the International Seabed Authority may establish a permanent mission at the seat of the Authority, and appoint a permanent representative.

In conformity with international law and United Nations practice, the term “permanent mission” means a mission of permanent character, representing the State, sent by a State member of the organization to the Authority.

Credentials of newly appointed permanent representatives must be issued either by the Head of State or by the Head of the Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General.

As a guide to the drafting of credentials for permanent representatives the following standard form of credentials, adapted from the standard form used by the United Nations, is reproduced:

“Whereas the Government of.....has set up at the seat of the International Seabed Authority a permanent mission to maintain necessary contact with the Secretariat of the Authority,

Now therefore we.....[name and title] have appointed and by these presents do confirm as permanent representative to the International Seabed Authority His/Her Excellency.....[name].....[title].

He/She is also authorized to designate a substitute to act temporarily on his/her behalf after due notice to the Secretary-General.

In faith whereof we have signed these presents at on

[Signature and title]

[Head of State, Head of Government or

Minister for Foreign Affairs]”

For practical reasons, member States may prefer to accredit their newly appointed permanent representatives to all organs of the Authority. In such cases, the letter of credentials should contain the following paragraph:

“His/Her Excellency.....is instructed to represent the Government of.....in all organs of the Authority.”

Appointment of a permanent representative

When a new permanent representative is to be appointed to the International Seabed Authority, it is requested that the permanent representative (designate) submits a curriculum vitae to the Secretariat prior to the presentation of credentials to the Secretary-General.

The Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority will then make the necessary arrangements, such as fixing the date and time, for the new permanent representative to present his/her letter of credentials to the Secretary-General.

On the day and time agreed upon, the new permanent representative will be escorted to the office of the Secretary-General for the ceremony of the presentation of credentials.

It is expected that, at the time of presentation of credentials, the new permanent representative will make a brief statement to the Secretary-General.

The Secretariat will issue a special press release containing biographical data on the new permanent representative and announcing his/her presentation of credentials to the Secretary-General. A photographer will take an official portrait of the new permanent representative while presenting his/her letter of credentials to the Secretary-General.

A new permanent representative usually informs all other permanent representatives in writing that he/she has presented his/her letter of credentials to the Secretary-General and assumed his/her duties.

The Secretariat will forward a notification of additional representatives to the new permanent representative inviting him/her to forward the names of persons to be designated as members of the permanent mission.

The Secretariat will notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of the host country of the names of permanent representatives and members of permanent missions.

Letters and Notes Verbales

All correspondence to the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority should be signed by either the permanent representative or the chargé d'affaires, bearing his/her full signature. Notes verbales are normally used to communicate routine administrative matters, other than personnel. They should bear the official seal and the initials of the responsible officer. All diplomatic movements, appointments, promotions, departures, etc., should be announced in a letter to the Secretary-General.

Changes in permanent missions

Permanent missions are requested to inform the Secretariat of any changes in the address or telephone numbers of their office.

Temporary absence of a permanent representative

Before absenting himself/herself from the permanent mission for any length of time, the permanent representative is requested to notify the Secretary-General of the name of the member of the permanent mission who will perform the duties of head of the permanent mission in the capacity of chargé d'affaires a.i. during the absence of the permanent representative.

Since a chargé d'affaires a.i. cannot appoint himself/herself or another chargé d'affaires, should there be several consecutive chargés d'affaires a.i. during the absence of the permanent representative, their names and the dates of their respective appointments should be communicated to the Secretary-General by the permanent representative before his/her departure. The permanent representative should also notify the Secretary-General of the date of his/her resumption of duties.

Termination of service at permanent missions

Before relinquishing his/her post, a permanent representative should inform the Secretary-General in writing and, at the same time, communicate the name of the member of the permanent mission who will act as chargé d'affaires a.i. pending the arrival of the new permanent representative.

International Seabed Authority identification cards

Prior to the presentation of his/her credentials to the Secretary-General, the Secretariat will arrange for the issuance of an Identification Card to the permanent representative. This Identification Card identifies the holder as a permanent representative, authorizes his/her entry to the Secretariat building and also serves as a grounds pass during meetings of the Authority.

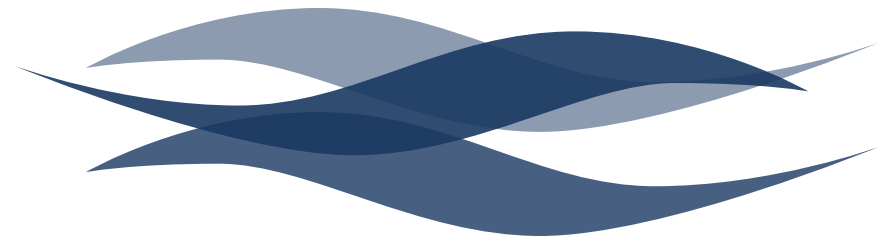
After notification of the names of members of the permanent mission has been received, the Secretariat will contact them to arrange for the issuance of an Identification Card.

Identification Cards for permanent representatives and members of the permanent mission differ as to their colour symbols and have space provided for a photograph of the bearer.

International Seabed Authority Identification Cards are the property of the International Seabed Authority and should be returned to the Secretariat prior to the departure of the holder from Kingston.

ENTRY IN THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY HANDBOOK

The Secretariat publishes this handbook once a year. In this publication all the permanent missions are listed with their addresses, telephone and telefax numbers, the dates of national holidays, the names, diplomatic ranks and functional titles, forms of address, titles, etc., of all members of the permanent mission. The listings relating to the permanent missions are based on the information communicated to the Secretariat by the permanent missions and their publication is intended for the use of delegations and the Secretariat. In order for the listings to be accurate, the names, form of address, diplomatic rank and functional titles of the diplomats should be written according to the wishes of the mission concerned.



DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLICATIONS

DOCUMENTATION

The official documents issued by the International Seabed Authority begin with the letters “ISBA.” Documents of the first two sessions do not have a sessional number (e.g. ISBA/A/1), but from the third session on they do (e.g. ISBA/3/A/1).

Formal A (Assembly) and C (Council) documents each appear in four series, -/1; -/L.1; -/WP.1; and -/INF.1, corresponding to main documents, documents with limited distribution, working papers and information papers respectively. In addition to A and C documents there are the following series:

- ISBA/FC (Finance Committee)
- ISBA/LTC (Legal and Technical Commission)

As with the Preparatory Commission, there are no verbatim or summary records of meetings. Sound recordings are made and retained.

An account of the meetings may be found in the press releases issued by the Authority, but these are not official records and are not necessarily accurate.

Official accounts of the work of the Authority are to be found in the successive statements of the Presidents of the Assembly and the Council on the work of their organs, and the annual reports of the Secretary-General.

The Authority publishes annually a compendium of selected decisions and documents from each session. Each volume contains an index to the main documents of the Assembly and Council. The volume for 2006 also contains a cumulative index to the main documents of the Assembly and Council from the first session (1994) to the eleventh session (2005) (*Selected Decisions 12*, 47-69).

PUBLICATIONS

The regular publications of the Authority include this Handbook, an annual compendium of selected decisions and documents of the Assembly and Council, and the reports of the technical workshops convened by the Authority. In addition, studies are published related to the substantive work of the Authority. Where indicated, publications are available in E (English), F (French) or S (Spanish).

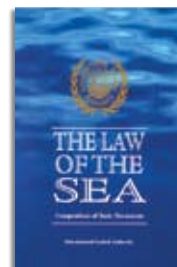
Forthcoming Publications

- Mining of Cobalt Rich Ferromanganese Crusts and Polymetallic Sulphides – Technological and Economic Considerations: Proceedings of the 31 July - 4 August 2006 workshop held in Kingston, Jamaica
- Cobalt-Rich Crusts and the Diversity of Distributions Patterns of Seamount Fauna: Proceedings of the 27-31 March 2006 workshop held in Kingston.
- Establishment of environmental baselines at deep seafloor cobalt-rich crusts and polymetallic sulphide mine sites in the Area : Proceedings of the 16-20 September 2004 workshop held in Kingston, Jamaica.
- Development of a geological model of the polymetallic nodule resources in the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone : Proceedings of the 13-20 May 2003 workshop held in Nadi, Fiji.

Selected Decisions

- Selected Decisions and Documents of the First, Second and Third Sessions (ISA/98/01, E/F/S)
- Selected Decisions and Documents of the Fourth Session (ISA/99/01, E/F/S)
- Selected Decisions and Documents of the Fifth Session (ISA/99/06, E/F/S)
- Selected Decisions and Documents of the Sixth Session (ISA/00/02, E/F/S) – ISBN: 976-610-310-0 (E), 976-610-350-X (F), 976-610-351-8 (S)
- Selected Decisions and Documents of the Seventh Session (ISA/01/03, E/F/S) – ISBN: 976-610-396-8 (E), 976-610-397-6 (F), 976-610-396-8 (S)
- Selected Decisions and Documents of the Eighth Session (ISA/02/03, E/F/S) – ISBN: 976-610-500-6 (E), 976-610-502-2 (F), 976-610-501-4 (S)
- Selected Decisions and Documents of the Ninth Session – ISBN: 976-610-581-2 (E), 976-610-583-9 (F), 976-610-582-0 (S)
- Selected Decisions and Documents of the Tenth Session – ISBN: 976-610-704-1 (E), 976-610-706-8 (F), 976-610-705-X (S)
- Selected Decisions and Documents of the Eleventh Session – ISBN: 976-95155-1-5 (E), 976-95155-3-1 (F), 976-95155-2-3 (S)
- Selected Decisions and Documents of the Twelfth Session - ISBN: 978-976-95155-4-3 (E), 978-976-95155-5-0 (F), 978-976-95155-6-7 (S)

Basic Documents



The Law of the Sea: Compendium of Basic Documents¹. International Seabed Authority in collaboration with The Caribbean Law Publishing Company - ISBN 976-610-374-7 (pbk) - ISBN 976-610-373-9 (hardcover with slipcase)

The Law of the Sea Compendium of Basic Documents is the complete reproduction of the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, two implementing agreements of 1994 and 1995, 2000 Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules in the Area, Selected resolutions of the UN General Assembly, Final Acts of the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III) and the UN Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks as well as introductory material of great historical significance reproduced from UNCLOS III.

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The International Seabed Authority: Basic Texts (E/F/S) (ISBN 976-610-547-2) This Compendium of Basic Texts of the International Seabed Authority contains the full text of relevant organizational decisions of the various organs and bodies of the Authority as well as a number of decisions and documents relating to the external relations of the Authority. Each section of this Compendium includes a short factual commentary on the origin of the text concerned, together with a list of source documents.

Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (ISA/99/03, E/F/S)

Rules of Procedure of the Council (ISA/99/04, E/F/S)

Financial Regulations of the Authority / Rules of Procedure of the Finance Committee (ISA/00/01, E/F/S)
ISBN 976-610-290-2

Workshop reports



Deep Seabed Polymetallic Nodule Exploration: Development of Environmental Guidelines: Proceedings of the International Seabed Authority's Workshop, Sanya, Hainan Island, People's Republic of China, 1-5 June 1998 (ISA/99/02)
ISBN 976-610-289-9

Development of procedures and guidelines to establish environmental baselines in which to assess likely effects on the marine environment of activities in the "Area."



Proposed Technologies for Mining Deep-Seabed Polymetallic Nodules: Proceedings of the International Seabed Authority's Workshop, Kingston, Jamaica, August 3-6, 1999. (ISA/01/07) -ISBN 976-610-311-9

Examines developments for cost-effective technologies for deep seabed mining and progress made in exploration and exploitation technologies.



Minerals other than Polymetallic Nodules of the International Seabed Area: Proceedings of the International Seabed Authority's Workshop, Kingston, Jamaica, June 26-30, 2000. (ISA/04/01) - ISBN 976-610-647-9

Proposals and recommendations on the future development of minerals other than polymetallic nodules found in marine area beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.



Standardization of Environmental Data and Information: Development of Guidelines: Proceedings of the 2001 International Seabed Authority's Workshop, Kingston, Jamaica, June 25-29, 2001. (ISA/02/02)

Proposals and recommendations for standardization of data as a basis for facilitating work of the contractors in establishing environmental baselines and subsequent monitoring of the effects of activities on the marine environment.



Prospects for international collaboration in marine environmental research to enhance understanding in the deep-sea environment: Proceedings of the 29 July - 2 August 2002 Workshop held in Kingston, Jamaica. ISBN: 976-610-558-8

Technical reports and studies



Global non-living resources on the extended continental shelf: Prospects at the year 2000. ISA Technical Study No. 1, 2001 - ISBN 976-610-375-5

A report that examines the non-living resource potential of the portion of the continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles from the baseline.



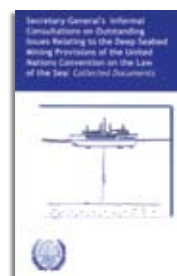
Polymetallic massive sulphides and cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts: status and prospects. ISA Technical Study No. 2, 2002 – ISBN 976-610-467-0

This publication comprises four presentations from the annual workshops on deep ocean mineral resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction held in Kingston, Jamaica in June 2000.



Patents Issued for Technologies for Deep Seabed Polymetallic Nodule Exploration and Mining (1960 -1998); 2 CD Pack – ISBN 976-610-389-5

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

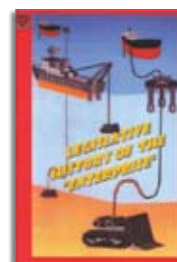


Secretary-General's Informal Consultations on Outstanding Issues relating to the Deep Seabed Mining Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: Collected Documents, 2002 – ISBN 976-610-454-9

This publication is a compilation of the full texts of the documents during the Secretary-General's informal consultations on outstanding issues relating to the deep seabed mining provisions of the Law of the Sea, 1990 – 1994. The Agreement, adopted in 1994, introduced significant changes to the regime for deep seabed mining and paved the way for universal participation in the Convention.



Official Documents of the Assembly and Council of the International Seabed Authority: 1995 – 2000 (CD) - ISBN 976-610-349-6



Legislative history of the “Enterprise” under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the Convention, 2002 - ISBN 976-610-468-9

This publication traces the legislative history of the Enterprise – the Authority's commercial arm – and facilitates a better understanding of the process surrounding its establishment. The study is compiled in three parts: Part 1 – introduction, Part 2 on work done by UNCLOS III and Part 3 dealing with developments during the Secretary-General's informal consultations on Part XI.



The Development of the Regime for Deep Seabed Mining, 2002
- ISBN 976-610-503-0

This publication is a reprint of the Introduction to Volume VI of the University of Virginia, Center for Oceans Law and Policy, commentary on the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. It was published by the Authority to mark the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention in New York on 30 April 1982 and its opening for signature at Montego Bay in Jamaica on 10 December 1982.

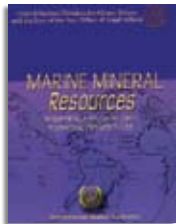


Law of the Sea Conferences (1968-1994): Documents.
3 CD Pack: E/F/S



Proceedings of the Twentieth Anniversary Commemoration of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea - ISBN 976-610-616-9

A joint UN.DAOLOS/ISA publication on the proceedings of the commemorative meetings held 9-10 December 2002, in New York.



Marine Mineral Resources: Scientific Advances and Economic Perspectives - ISBN 976-610-712-2

A joint UN.DAOLOS/ISA publication commemorating the tenth anniversary of the coming into force of the 1982 United Convention on the Law of the Sea.



Tenth Anniversary Commemoration of the Establishment of the International Seabed Authority - ISBN: 976-95155-07

Except where otherwise indicated, publications may be ordered from:

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THE SECRETARIAT



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- Office of the Secretary-General
- Office of Resources and Environmental Monitoring
- Office of Legal Affairs
- Office of Administration and Management

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INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES



I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Secretariat Headquarters

The Headquarters of the International Seabed Authority are located in downtown Kingston adjacent to the Jamaica Conference Centre. The street address is second floor, 14 – 20 Port Royal Street. The Secretariat building is connected to the Jamaica Conference Centre.

Entrance

The street entrance to the Secretariat building is located on Duke Street through the main gate of the Jamaica Conference Centre. Additional parking is available on the second floor of the UDC car park immediately behind the Jamaica Conference Centre.

The International Seabed Authority does not warrant or promise the safety of vehicles or property left in the UDC car park. Users of the car park acknowledge and accept that the International Seabed Authority cannot guarantee the safety of any vehicles, or property inside them.

Grounds passes and admission to meetings

The Secretariat issues grounds passes to members of delegations, including representatives of Member States and Observer States to the International Seabed Authority, intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and other entities having a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the Assembly of the Authority.

In the interest of overall security, grounds passes must be displayed at all times while in the Conference Centre and Secretariat building.

Security

The Security Service operates from the second floor of the Secretariat building.

In addition to providing security and safety to the staff members of the International Seabed Authority, the Security Service will:

- (a) Issue grounds passes to visitors;
- (b) Assist in locating and notifying the Authority's senior officials in an emergency;
- (c) Liaise with national security representatives regarding protection arrangements for dignitaries;
- (d) Liaise with local authorities whenever outside emergency assistance (e.g. ambulance, medical, police) is required;
- (e) Handle lost and found property. Lost property should be handed over to or claimed from the Security Service on the second floor of the Secretariat building.

Missing grounds passes should be reported without delay to the Security Service.

Delegates are reminded not to leave briefcases or any valuable items unattended at any time.

Unlawful incidents should be reported without delay to the Security Service.

Information

Bulletin boards displaying the programme of meetings are located on the ground floor of the Jamaica Conference Centre.

Protocol

During meetings of the International Seabed Authority, the Protocol Office will be located on the first floor of the Secretariat building. The Protocol Office provides delegations with the following services:

- (a) Registers members of delegations attending meetings and approves issuance of grounds passes;

To expedite the registration process, delegations are requested to advise Protocol Office of the names of members of the delegation before arrival.

- (b) Publishes the provisional list of delegations attending the meetings;
- (c) Approves issuance of photo-identification passes to members of the Legal and Technical Commission and Finance Committee;
- (d) Advises delegations on matters of protocol and diplomatic procedures;
- (e) Ensures protocol coverage of all the official ceremonies at Headquarters (official visits, presentation of credentials, admission of new member States etc.);
- (f) Deals with general inquiries regarding meetings.

Credentials

Credentials are required for representatives of member States of the International Seabed Authority, Observer States, United Nations Bodies, Intergovernmental Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Specialized Agencies and other entities having a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the Assembly.

The credentials of permanent representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General if possible not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or the Head of the Government, or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or person authorized by him or, in the case of entities referred to in article 305, paragraph 1 (f) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, by another competent authority.

II. SERVICES DURING MEETINGS

Meetings services

The Secretariat is responsible for providing meetings services, including interpretation, the provision of meeting records, and the editing, translation, reproduction and distribution of documents.

Programme of meetings

The Secretariat prepares daily a programme of meetings for the following day. The programme is printed in the Journal, issued daily in English and French, giving the conference rooms and other relevant information concerning the meetings. Queries regarding the schedule of meetings may be addressed to the Secretariat.

The Secretariat will also advise delegations on the availability of meeting rooms and the availability of interpreters.

Duration of meetings

Normally, morning meetings are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

It is essential that meetings should start on time and that the above schedule be respected to the fullest extent possible. Therefore, delegations are urged to be present at the meeting on time. It is also advisable to schedule related meetings consecutively whenever possible to ensure the maximum utilization of available services.

Meetings of regional groups and other informal meetings can be accommodated only if and when services originally earmarked for regularly scheduled meeting are released.

Seating arrangements

The Secretariat is in charge of seating arrangements. In accordance with established practice the English alphabetical order of names is followed.

Interpretation

Statements made in any of the six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) are interpreted into the other official languages. Any representative may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, the delegation in question must provide for interpretation into one of the official languages of the United Nations.

Written translations of statements delivered in official languages

If written texts are provided in more than one official language, delegations should indicate clearly which of these is to be accepted as the official text. When delegations provide a written translation of their statement, they should specify on the first page of that text whether it should be "read out verbatim" or "checked against delivery."

If delegations wish their translations to be read out verbatim, any deviations from the text on the part of the speaker, including omissions and additions, are unlikely to be reflected in the interpretation.

If delegations believe that the speaker may deviate from the text, they should opt for “check against delivery” and the interpreters will follow the speaker and not the translation. In this case, delegations should be aware that the interpretation heard by the audience would not necessarily correspond to the translation that they might have distributed before or during the delivery of the statement.

Representatives who take the floor in conference rooms should bear in mind that the microphone before them is inoperative until they have been called upon to speak by the chairman. In order to ensure the best possible recording and interpretation of their speeches, they should speak directly into the microphones and clearly, particularly when giving figures, quotations or highly technical material, and when reading from a prepared text.

Delegations are kindly requested to speak at a normal speed at all times to enable the interpreters to give an accurate and complete rendition of their statements. When statements are delivered at a high speed, the quality of the interpretation suffers.

Prepared texts of speeches

A minimum of 30 copies of the text of speeches to be delivered in plenary meetings of the Assembly and Council should be given in advance to the Secretariat in order to help it provide the best service. Failing this, delegations are urged to provide 6 copies for interpreters before the speaker takes the floor. If delegations wish to have the text of speeches distributed to delegations, observers, interpreters and press officers, 150 copies are required.

Records of meetings

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the Secretariat shall make and retain sound recordings of the meetings of the Assembly, the Council, and of its subsidiary organs, when it so decides.

The Secretariat will, upon request, provide facilities to enable members of the Authority to consult such sound recordings.

Circulation of communications

Circulation of communications in the Assembly or Council from a delegation must be cleared in advance with the Secretariat. The circulation must be done by the delegation before the meeting starts.

III. DOCUMENTS FACILITIES

Translation and reproduction of documents

Delegations wishing to submit documents for consideration by the Assembly or Council should present them to the Secretary-General or to the Secretary of the body concerned.

The categories of documents are as follows:

- (a) The “General” series;
- (b) The “Limited” series, the serial number of which is preceded by the letter “L.” This series comprises documents of a temporary nature such as draft resolutions and amendments thereto;
- (c) The “Restricted” series, the serial number of which is preceded by the letter “R.” This series contains only those documents whose content requires at the time of issuance that they should not be distributed generally;
- (d) Conference room papers or working papers identified by the letters “CRP” or “WP” before the serial number. These are informal papers, in one or more languages, used in the course of a meeting or meetings and distributed only to participants and other interested recipients attending the meetings at which they are discussed. Conference room papers may later be converted into documents in the general, limited or restricted series or may have their contents incorporated into the report of the body concerned without further independent distribution.

Distribution of documents

As soon as they are issued, documents will be available for collection by delegations at the entrance to the Jamaica Conference Centre and in the meeting room.

Documents will also be made available electronically on the Internet through the International Seabed Authority Home Page: [http:// www.isa.org.jm](http://www.isa.org.jm).

Only International Seabed Authority documents will be distributed by the Secretariat.

IV. MEDIA, PUBLIC AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Press releases

During meetings of the Authority, daily press releases are issued in English and French only. These releases, which are prepared for the use of information media and are not official records, also contain background information.

Press releases are also made available electronically on the Internet through the Authority's website (<http://www.isa.org.jm>)

Library Services

The library is located on the second floor of the Secretariat building and is open Monday to Friday and observes the same working hours as the Secretariat.

The library maintains a reference collection for use by permanent missions of member States, the delegations and the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority, and researchers dealing with subjects related to the Law of the Sea and Ocean affairs. The library holdings encompass the range of topics included in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. In addition, the collection contains all documents of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Seabed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and the International Seabed Authority.

The library also maintains a collection of the Law of the Sea series publications of the Office of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the United Nations.

The library is a member of SAIL, the Southeast Affiliate of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC).

Sales Publications

Sales publications of the International Seabed Authority may be acquired from the library.

Use of the library and internet access

The library is for reference purposes only; none of the publications may be taken out on loan.

During the sessions of the Assembly, delegates may use the computers in the library for internet and email, and to access the library's online catalogue of publications.

V. FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR DELEGATIONS

Dining room facilities

A dining room is located on the first floor of the Jamaica Conference Centre. During meetings the restaurant is open for breakfast from 7 – 9 a.m. Lunchtime is from 11.30 – 3 p.m. Daily menus are posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the dining room.

There is a coffee station for the use of delegates in the Harbour Lounge at the back of Meeting Rooms 1 and 2.

Delegates' guests

Unaccompanied guests or visitors wishing to meet a delegate will be directed to the Security Office on the second floor of the Secretariat building. Members of delegations will be expected to accompany their guests at all times while on the premises and escort them while leaving the premises.

Telecommunications services

Delegates may use telephones and fax machines through the telephone operator at the reception desk. Local and international calls can be made through the operator or by using (international) calling cards.

The telephone number for the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority is 922-9105/9. All officials of the Authority may be contacted through this number.

Banking facilities

The nearest banking facility to the Jamaica Conference Centre is the Bank of Nova Scotia (Ja.) Ltd., Corner Duke and Port Royal Streets, telephone 922-1000 or 922-1020

Opening hours: Monday – Thursday: 8.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.
and Friday 8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

ATM service available.

Post office

The nearest post office is located on South Camp Road, approximately 1 km. from the Jamaica Conference Centre. Opening hours: Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Local transportation

The International Seabed Authority does not provide transportation for delegates. It is suggested that delegates requiring local transportation make their own arrangements at their hotels or through local taxi or car rental companies.

Useful Telephone Numbers

The Jamaica Conference Centre	922-9160-9	
AIRLINES	TICKET OFFICE	AIRPORT
Air Jamaica	922-4661/6	924-8231
Air Canada	924-8211	924-8211
American Airlines	926-1833	924-8305
British Airways	929-9020	924-8187
MAJOR HOTELS		
The Jamaica Pegasus	926-3690/9, 929-5855	
The Hilton Kingston	926-5430	
The Courtleigh Hotel	929-9000	
The Knutsford Court Hotel	929-1000	

OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS 2007

Jamaica Official Holidays

NEW YEARS DAY	January 1
ASH WEDNESDAY	February 21
GOOD FRIDAY	April 6
EASTER MONDAY	April 9
LABOUR DAY	May 23
EMANCIPATION DAY	August 1
INDEPENDENCE DAY	August 6
NATIONAL HEROES DAY	October 15
CHRISTMAS DA	December 25
BOXING DAY	December 26

United Nations Official Holidays

NEW YEARS DAY	1 January
PRESIDENT'S DAY	19 February
GOOD FRIDAY	6 April
MEMORIAL DAY	28 May
INDEPENDENCE DAY	4 July
LABOR DAY	3 Sept
ID AL-FITR (OBSERVED)	12 Oct
THANKSGIVING DAY	22 Nov
EID-AL-ADHA	20 Dec
CHRISTMAS DAY	25 Dec

Notes