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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 then European Community. Some of those States, and the European Union, 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***  
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***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 15 May 2011, 161 States and the European Union were members of the Authority. These are:

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

Malawi	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
Morocco	Spain
Mozambique	Sri Lanka
Myanmar	Sudan *
Namibia	Suriname
Nauru	Sweden
Nepal	Switzerland
Netherlands	Thailand
New Zealand	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Nicaragua	Togo
Nigeria	Tonga
Niue	Trinidad and Tobago
Norway	Tunisia
Oman	Tuvalu
Pakistan	Uganda
Palau	Ukraine
Panama	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Papua New Guinea	Ireland
Paraguay	United Republic of Tanzania
Philippines	Uruguay
Poland	Vanuatu
Portugal	Viet Nam
Qatar	Yemen*
Republic of Korea	Zambia
Romania	Zimbabwe
Russian Federation	
Saint Kitts and Nevis *	
Saint Lucia*	

\* 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 (45 members)*

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

### *Asian Group (43 members)*

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

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

*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 (28 members)*

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

*Western European and Other States Group (23 members)*

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

## 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 7 May 2010, the Assembly elected the following members of the Council for a four-year period as from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2014, subject to the understandings reached in the regional and interest groups. These are:

Group A: Italy<sup>1</sup>, Russian Federation

Group B: France, Germany, Republic of Korea

Group C: Australia, Indonesia<sup>2</sup>

Group D: Egypt, Fiji, Jamaica

Group E: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Chile<sup>4</sup>, Mexico, Qatar<sup>3</sup>, Viet Nam

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<sup>1</sup> It was agreed that Italy would relinquish its seat in Group A in favour of the United States if the United States became a member of the Authority; this does not prejudice the position of any country with respect to any intervening election to the Council.

<sup>2</sup> Indonesia is elected for a four-year term as a member of Group C with the understanding that it will relinquish its seat to Chile after two years and will take up the seat in Group E that was previously occupied by Chile for the remainder of the four-year term.

<sup>3</sup> Qatar is elected for a four-year term as a member of Group E with the understanding that it will relinquish its seat to Sri Lanka after two years for the remainder of the four-year term.

<sup>4</sup> Chile is elected for a four-year term in Group E with the understanding that it will relinquish its seat to Indonesia after two years for the remainder of the four-year term.

The composition of the Council for the period 2011-2014 is given in the table on pages 14-15. The agreed allocation of seats on the Council is 10 seats to the African Group, 9 seats to the Asian Group, 8 seats to the Western European and Others Group, 7 seats to the Latin American and Caribbean Group and 3 seats to the Eastern European Group.

Since the total number of seats allocated according to that formula is 37, it is understood that, in accordance with an understanding reached in 1996 (ISBA/A/L.8), each regional group other than the Eastern European Group will relinquish a seat in rotation.

The regional group which relinquishes a seat will have the right to designate a member of that group to participate in the deliberations of the Council without the right to vote, during the period the regional group relinquishes the seat. In 2010, France, on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States, participated in the meetings of the Council without the right to vote. In 2011, it is the turn of the Group of African States to nominate a member of the Council to relinquish a seat on behalf of the Group of African States, that will occupy 9 seats in that year.

## 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, 62*).

ISBA/12/A/12, 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 12, 23-25*).

ISBA/14/A/12, Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies on 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 14, 25-26*).

ISBA/16/A/11, Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the election to fill the vacancies on 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 16, 34-35*).

## COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL (2011-2014)

2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>GROUP A (4 members)</b>			
China	China		
Italy	Italy	Italy	Italy
Japan	Japan		
Russian Federation	Russian Federation	Russian Federation	Russian Federation
<b>GROUP B (4 members)</b>			
France	France	France	France
Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany
India	India		
Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea
<b>GROUP C (4 members)</b>			
Australia	Australia	Australia	Australia
Canada	Canada		
Indonesia	Indonesia	Chile	Chile
South Africa	South Africa		
<b>GROUP D (6 members)</b>			
Bangladesh	Bangladesh		
Brazil	Brazil		
Egypt	Egypt	Egypt	Egypt
Fiji	Fiji	Fiji	Fiji
Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica
Sudan	Sudan		

2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>GROUP E (18 members)</b>			
Angola	Angola		
Argentina	Argentina		
Cameroon	Cameroon	Cameroon	Cameroon
Chile	Chile	Indonesia	Indonesia
Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire
Czech Republic	Czech Republic		
Guyana	Guyana		
Kenya	Kenya		
Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico
Namibia	Namibia		
Netherlands	Netherlands		
Nigeria	Nigeria	Nigeria	Nigeria
Poland	Poland		
Qatar	Qatar	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka
Senegal	Senegal		
Spain	Spain		
Trinidad & Tobago	Trinidad & Tobago		
United Kingdom	United Kingdom		
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)
2007	Chief Olufolajimi Modupe Akintola (Nigeria)
2008	Ryszard Kotliński (Poland)
2009	Mario José Pino (Argentina)
2010	Jesús Silva Fernández (Spain)

## **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)
2007	Raymond Wolfe (Jamaica)
2008	Liesbeth Lijnzaad (Netherlands)
2009	Mahmoud Samy (Egypt)
2010	Syamal Kanti Das (India)

# MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL AND TECHNICAL COMMISSION

The following 25 members hold a five-year term of office from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2011.<sup>1</sup>

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, Baidy (Senegal)  
Dos Santos Alberto Chissano, Miguel (Mozambique)  
Escobar, Elva G. (Mexico)  
Hamutenya, Kennedy (Namibia)  
Hussein, Said S. (Kenya)  
Inam, Asif (Pakistan)  
Kalngui, Emmanuel (Cameroon)  
Khramov, Denis Gennadyevich (Russian Federation)<sup>2</sup>  
Kim, Woong-Seo (Republic of Korea)  
Lopera Caballero, Eusebio (Spain)  
Maruthadu, Sudhakar (India)  
Mataitoga, Isikeli Uluinairai (Fiji)  
Mulsow Flores, Sandor (Chile)  
Okamoto, Nobuyuki (Japan)<sup>3</sup>  
Przybycin, Andrzej (Poland)  
Reichert, Christian (Germany)<sup>4</sup>  
Samy, Mahmoud (Egypt)  
Sciso, Elena (Italy)  
Tugio, Adam Mulawarman (Indonesia)  
Zhang Haiqi (China)<sup>5</sup>

## ***Chairman of the Commission:***

Miguel dos Santos Alberto Chissano (Mozambique)

## ***Vice Chairman of the Commission:***

Nobuyuki Okamoto (Japan)

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Elected on 25 May 2009 for the remainder of the term of office of Sergey Ivanovich Fyodorov.

<sup>3</sup> Elected on 25 May 2009 for the remainder of the term of office of Yoshiaki Igarashi.

<sup>4</sup> Elected on 26 May 2008 for the remainder of the term of office of Michael Wiedicke-Hombach.

<sup>5</sup> Elected on 25 May 2009 for the remainder of the term of office of Hongtao Zhang.

# MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following members hold a five-year term of office from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2011.<sup>1</sup>

Aung, Zaw Minn (Myanmar)<sup>2</sup>  
Choudhary, Pradip Kumar (India)<sup>3</sup>  
Djalal, Hasjim (Indonesia)  
Elliot, Trecia (Jamaica)  
Da Empoli, Domenico (Italy)  
Hackethal, Michael (Germany)<sup>4</sup>  
Kalema, Juliet Semambo (Uganda)  
Kavina, Pavel (Czech Republic)  
Lévy, Jean-Pierre (France)  
Myklebust, Olav (Norway)  
De Souza Pinto, Denis Fontes (Brazil)  
Revyakina, Fiedorovna Lubov (Russian Federation)<sup>5</sup>  
Wang, Quanling (China)<sup>6</sup>  
Whomersley, Christopher Adrian (United Kingdom)  
Yamanaka, Shinichi (Japan)

## ***Chairman of the Committee:***

Hasjim Djalal (Indonesia)

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<sup>1</sup> ISBA/12/A/13, Statement of the President on the work of the Assembly at the twelfth session, para 34, *Selected Decisions 12*, 31.

<sup>2</sup> Elected on 27 April 2010 for the remainder of the term of office of Soe Lynn Hann (Myanmar).

<sup>3</sup> Elected on 27 April 2010 for the remainder of the term of office of Neeru Chadha (India).

<sup>4</sup> Elected on 26 May 2008 for the remainder of the term of office of Alexander Stedfeld (Germany).

<sup>5</sup> Elected on 26 May 2008 for the remainder of the term of office of Oleg Alekseevich Safronov (Russian Federation).

<sup>6</sup> Elected on 25 May 2009 for the remainder of the term of office of Liu Jian (China).

# OBSERVERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

## *I. States and entities referred to in article 305 of the Convention which are not members of the Authority*

Afghanistan	Kyrgyzstan
Andorra	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Azerbaijan	Liechtenstein
Bhutan	Niger
Burundi	Peru
Cambodia	Rwanda
Central African Republic	San Marino
Colombia	Swaziland
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Syrian Arab Republic
Ecuador	Tajikistan
El Salvador	Timor-Leste
Eritrea	Turkey
Ethiopia	Turkmenistan
Holy See	United Arab Emirates
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	United States of America
Israel	Uzbekistan
Kazakhstan	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<sup>a</sup>*

Palestine<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> In accordance with rule 82 (1) (b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

<sup>b</sup> 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*<sup>c</sup>

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

Commonwealth

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

Inter-American Development Bank

International Hydrographic Organization

International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund

Interoceanmetal Joint Organization

International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

OSPAR Commission

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

Permanent Commission for the South Pacific

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Applied Geoscience and Technology Division (SOPAC) of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community

World Trade Organization

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<sup>c</sup> 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 Convention and other non-governmental organizations invited by the Assembly which have demonstrated their interest in matters under the consideration by the Assembly<sup>d</sup>*

Greenpeace International  
International Association of Drilling Contractors  
International Ocean Institute  
Law of the Sea Institute  
World Wildlife Fund International  
International Cable Protection Committee

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<sup>d</sup> In accordance with rule 82 (1) (e) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

Lists of Ratifications, of  
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



*The United Nations Convention  
on the Law of the Sea*

*Agreement relating to the  
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on the Law of the Sea of 10  
December 1982*

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157	Liberia (25 September 2008)	Liberia (25 September 2008)	134
156	Congo (9 July 2008)	Congo (9 July 2008)	133
155	Lesotho (31 May 2007)	Lesotho (31 May 2007)	129
154	Morocco (31 May 2007)	Morocco (31 May 2007)	128
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 Union (1 April 1998)	European Union (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

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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)	Guyana (25 September 2008)	135
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)	Uruguay (7 August 2007)	130
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)	Angola (7 September 2010)	139
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)	Brazil (25 October 2007)	131
35	Cyprus (12 December 1988)	Cyprus (27 July 1995)	21
34	Sao Tome and Principe (3 November 1987)		
33	Cape Verde (10 August 1987)	Cape Verde (23 April 2008)	132
32	Yemen (21 July 1987)		
31	Paraguay (26 September 1986)	Paraguay (10 July 1995)	17
30	Guinea-Bissau (25 August 1986)		

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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





# 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. In 2006, the eighth contract was signed with the Federal Republic of Germany. 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 (IFREMER) of France**

(registered on 17 December 1987). The contract between the Authority and IFREMER 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 Government 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, Government of the 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 Kotliński, 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 Government of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Woo-Taik Chung.



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

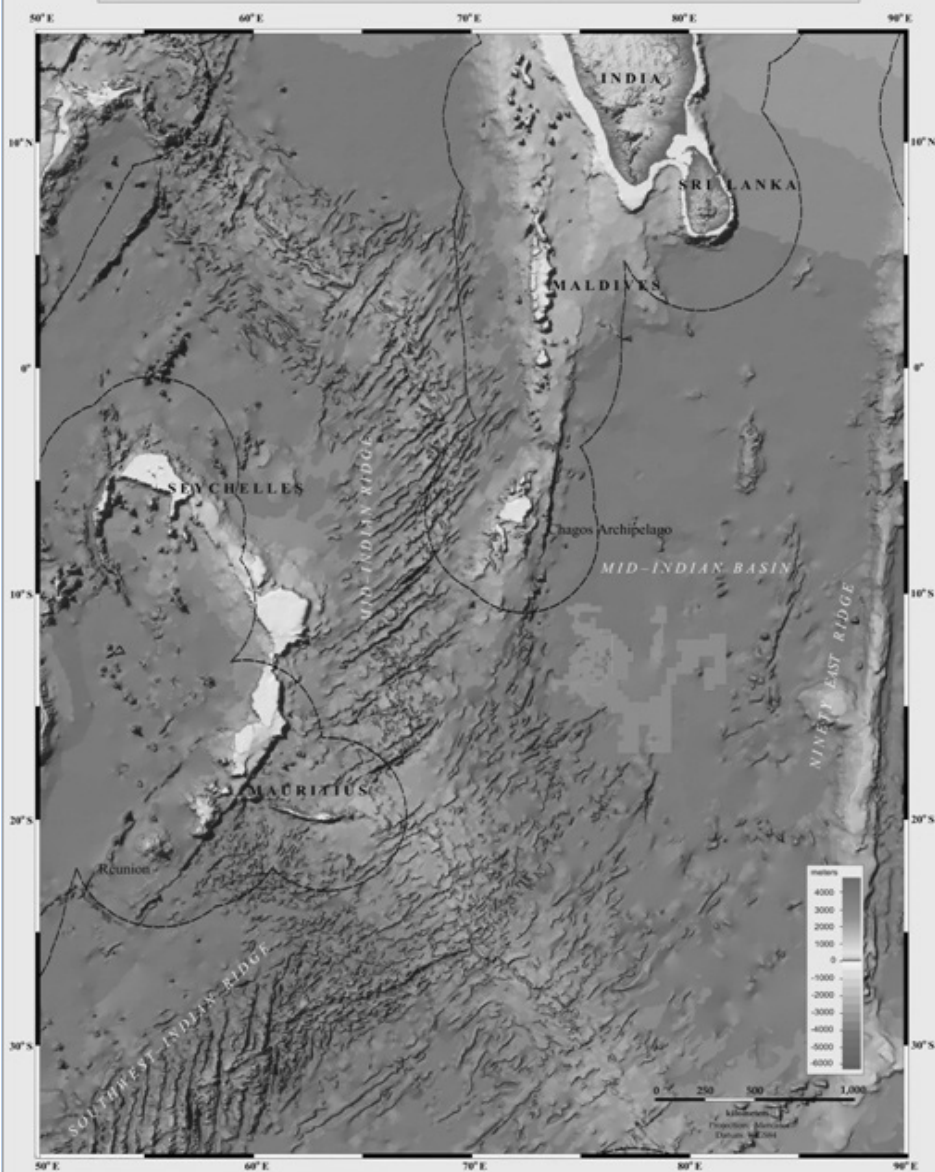
The contract between the Authority and the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of the Federal Republic of Germany was signed on 19 July 2006 in Berlin by the Secretary-General and Dr. B. Stribrny, President of the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources.

The signature of these exploration contracts represented an important milestone because it 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, represented 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 (indicative only; Source: VLIJ)



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# 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 Convention (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 thirty two parties to the Protocol as at 25 May 2011.

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\* 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 ISA

Status as at 25 May 2011

<i>Member of the Authority</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, approval (AA), acceptance (A), or accession (a)</i>
Argentina		20 October 2006 (a)
Austria		25 September 2003 (a)
Bahamas	26 August 1998	
Bulgaria		10 February 2009 (a)
Brazil	27 August 1998	16 November 2007
Cameroon		28 August 2002 (a)
Chile	14 April 1999	8 February 2005
Côte d'Ivoire	25 September 1998	
Croatia		8 September 2000 (a)
Cuba		11 July 2008 (a)
Czech Republic	1 August 2000	26 October 2001
Denmark		16 November 2004 (a)
Egypt	26 April 2000	20 June 2001
Estonia		1 February 2008 (a)
Finland	31 March 1999	31 October 2007 (A)
Germany		8 June 2007 (a)
Ghana	12 January 1999	
Greece	14 October 1998	
India		14 November 2005 (a)
Indonesia	26 August 1998	
Ireland		9 February 2011 (a)
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)
Mozambique		12 January 2009 (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	
Poland		2 October 2007 (a)
Portugal	6 April 2000	2 February 2007
Saudi Arabia	11 October 1999	
Senegal	11 June 1999	
Slovakia	22 June 1999	20 April 2000
Slovenia		1 April 2008 (a)
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)







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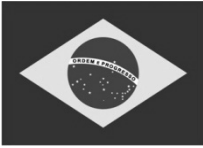
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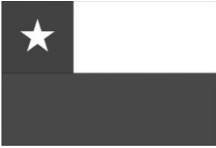
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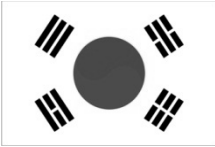
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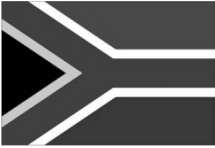
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# *Notes*





### ***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 in writing of any changes in the address, telephone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses 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, email addresses, 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 members of the permanent mission should be written according to the wishes of the mission concerned.





# 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 2008 also contains a consolidated index to the main documents of the Assembly and Council from the first session (1994) to the thirteenth session (2007) (*Selected Decisions* 14, 67-71).

# 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*

- Cobalt-Rich Crusts and the Diversity of Distribution Patterns of Seamount Fauna.

## *Selected Decisions*

The Authority publishes annually a compendium of Selected decisions and documents from each session. Each issue contains the main documents of the Assembly and Council, from the first session (1994) to the sixteenth session (2010).

## *Basic Documents*



The Law of the Sea: Compendium of Basic Documents.\*  
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.

\* Available from The Caribbean Law Publishing Company, 11 Cunningham Avenue, Kingston 6, Jamaica. Telephone: (876) 978-0745, Fax: (876) 978-1156, Email: [clp@ianrandlepublishers.com](mailto:clp@ianrandlepublishers.com); [marketing2@ianrandlepublishers.com](mailto:marketing2@ianrandlepublishers.com)



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.

### ***Workshop Proceedings***



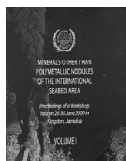
Deep Seabed Polymetallic Nodule Exploration: Development of Environmental Guidelines: Proceedings of the International Seabed Authority's Workshop, Sanya, Hainan Island, People's Republic of China, 1-5 June 1998. (ISA/99/02) ISBN 976-610-289-9.

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.

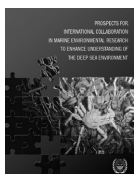
Proposals and recommendations on the future development of minerals other than polymetallic nodules found in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.



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).

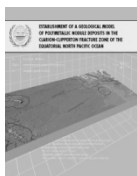
Proposals and recommendations for standardization of data as a basis for facilitating work of the contractors in establishing

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 of the deep sea environment, 29 July – 2 August 2002. ISBN 976-610-558-8.

This workshop examines and makes recommendations on developing scientific collaboration in: biodiversity; distribution and re-colonization; water column ecosystems impacts; and natural variability, towards providing an available pool of knowledge for predicting nodule-mining impacts.



Establishment of a Geological Model of Polymetallic Nodule Deposits in the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone of the Equatorial North Pacific Ocean, 13-20 May 2003. ISBN 976-95217-3-6.

This workshop determines a positive approach to developing a geological model of the polymetallic nodule deposits found in the Clarion-Clipperton Zone – the area of the seabed where the Authority has issued most of the licenses for exploration.



Polymetallic sulphide and cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts deposits: Establishment of environmental baselines and an associated monitoring programme during exploration. Proceedings of the workshop held 6-10 September 2004, Kingston, Jamaica. ISBN 976-95155-7-4.

Recommendations towards the development of guidelines to establish environmental baselines and a monitoring programme to ensure protection and preservation of the marine environment during exploration and mining of these resources.



Mining Cobalt-Rich Ferromanganese Crusts and Polymetallic Sulphides Deposits: Technological and Economic Considerations: Proceedings of the 31 July – 4 August 2006 workshop held in Kingston, Jamaica. ISBN 976-95155-8-2.

Studies suggest a greater risk of environmental damage from exploration for sulphides and crusts compared to that of polymetallic nodules. This workshop aimed to provide a more detailed analysis on matters relating to the adoption of regulations on prospecting and exploration for these mineral resources.

## Technical Reports and Studies



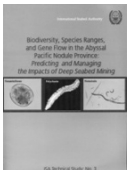
Global non-living resources on the extended continental shelf: Prospects at the year 2000. ISA Technical Study: No.1, 2001. ISBN 976-610-375-5.

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



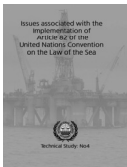
Polymetallic Massive Sulphides and Cobalt-Rich Ferromanganese Crusts: Status and Prospects. ISA Technical Study: No.2, 2002. ISBN 976-610-467-0.

Full text of four presentations given at a workshop on deep ocean mineral resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction held in Kingston, Jamaica in June 2000.



Biodiversity, Species Ranges, and Gene Flow in the Abyssal Pacific Nodule Province: Predicting and Managing the Impacts of Deep Seabed Mining. ISA Technical Study: No.3, 2008. ISBN 978-976-95217-2-8.

Final report to the ISA of the Kaplan Project (1 March 2002-30 June 2007).



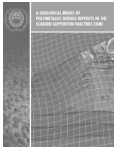
Issues associated with the Implementation of Article 82 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. ISA Technical Study: No.4, 2009. ISBN 978-976-95217-7-3.

The study examines the legal and policy issues associated with the implementation of Article 82, the responsibility of which rests with the Authority and the States that exploit the non-living resources of their OCS.



Non-living Resources of the Continental Shelf Beyond 200 Nautical Miles: Speculations on the Implementation of Article 82 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. ISA Technical Study: No.5, 2010. ISBN 978-976-95268-1-5.

The study examines the process for the delineation of the outer continental shelf and speculates on the location and feasibility of extraction of the various non-living resources which may occur in these areas.



A Geological Model of Polymetallic Nodule Deposits in the Clarion Clipperton Fracture Zone. ISA Technical Study: No. 6, 2010. ISBN 978-976-95268-2-2.

The Geological Model consists of a set of digital and hard copy maps and tables describing the predicted metal content and abundance of deposits in the Clarion-Clipperton fracture zone, along with associated error estimates.



Marine Benthic Nematode Molecular Protocol Handbook (Nematode Barcoding). ISA Technical Study No.7, 2011. ISBN: 978-976-95268-8-4.

This study is a practical guide for undertaking a molecular survey of deepsea nematodes including protocols for collecting deep-sea nematodes, preservation and shipping of samples.



Fauna of Cobalt-Rich Crust Seamounts. ISA Technical Study No. 8, 2011: ISBN: 978-976-95268-7-7.

This study assesses patterns of community composition and diversity on seamounts with and without cobalt-rich crusts and the factors that determine these patterns.



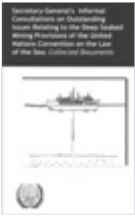
Environmental Management of Deep-Sea Chemosynthetic Ecosystems: Justification of and Considerations for a Spatially-Based Approach. ISA Technical Study No. 9, 2011. ISBN: 978-976-95268-9-1.

This study reviews the basic characteristics of vents and seeps and provides an overview of current and emerging concerns for the management of these ecosystems



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.



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



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.

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.DOALOS/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.DOALOS/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: 976-95155-0-7.

All publications may be ordered from:

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# The Secretariat



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# Notes





# I. General Information

## ***Secretariat Headquarters***

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## ***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 the 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 meetings 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 website ([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 ([www.isa.org.jm](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, 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).

### ***ISA Publications***

Publications of the International Seabed Authority may be acquired from the Satya N. Nandan 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 a.m. – 9 a.m. Lunchtime is from 11.30 a.m. – 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 is 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**

Air Canada                      1 800 744 2225

Air Jamaica                      1 888 359 2475

American Airlines                      1 800 744 0006

British Airways                      1 800 247 9297

Caribbean Airways                      1 800 744 2225

### **MAJOR HOTELS**

The Jamaica Pegasus                      926-3690/9, 929-5855

Wyndham Kingston Jamaica                      926-5430

The Courtleigh Hotel & Suites                      929-9000

The Knutsford Court Hotel                      929-1000

Hotel Four Seasons                      929-7655

The Liguanea Club                      926-8144/6

# Official holidays 2011

NEW YEARS DAY	January 1
ASH WEDNESDAY	March 9
GOOD FRIDAY	April 22
EASTER MONDAY	April 25
LABOUR DAY	May 23
EMANCIPATION DAY	August 1
INDEPENDENCE DAY	August 6
NATIONAL HEROES DAY	October 17
CHRISTMAS DAY	December 25
BOXING DAY	December 27

# Official holidays 2012

NEW YEARS DAY	January 1
ASH WEDNESDAY	February 22
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 DAY	December 25
BOXING DAY	December 26