

Thank you Mr President.

This intervention is being given by WWF-International.

We also express our sorrow at the terrorist attacks

First statement

Point of clarification,

The importance of producing guidance on IRZs and PRZs is highlighted in the report. The report also refers to the need for such guidance being needed during the exploration phase in order to proceed to the exploitation phase.

There is also reference to a workshop that might occur and further no reference to IRZ's PRZ's appears in annex II.

Considering the highlighted importance of producing guidance on IRZs/PRZs might it be pertinent to have at least a reference to when this guidance will begin to be developed in Annex II?

Second statement

While we can see there is progress regarding the zero draft in particular the building block papers referred to in the LTC report we are concerned regarding potential fragmentation of approach which may result in the building blocks having different shapes and potentially not being able to fit together at a later date, for example the stakeholder engagement and communications strategy should link directly into environmental provisions, as follows

Detailed analysis of were required stakeholder inputs and consultative processes through public participation will be required in order to operationalise the exploitation regulations in a full participatory manner. For example detailed requirements under EIA/EIS

Full disclosure of the results of stakeholder commentary/inputs, this will also encourage further stakeholder engagement if the input is considered to be valuable through reply and recognition of how comments were taken on board or not.

Specific stakeholder mapping in the context of what level of consultation, how this is undertaken to match the audience and who the audience actually is.

The Communications and engagement strategy should have specific links with any guidelines, strategies which are produced dealing with transparency, confidentially and should consider this

when communicating to different audiences in the context of what to communicate, to who, when and how. This should also be considered under data management guidelines and strategies.

Regarding data management.

In order to keep up with the growing workload and data capacity needs, the storage, use, analysis and communication of data and information needs to be reviewed and addressed with urgency in particular as the authority moves towards being a body that governs and regulates potential exploitation of minerals in the Area.

And in order to link this with the stakeholder engagement and communications strategy Investigate the possibility of stakeholders to have the ability to both input relevant data into the management system and also be able to access relevant data for independent analysis, transparency etc. Links with confidentiality guidelines re classification and in general specific policies and procedures on data handling.