

**Intervention - Item 14: Report of the Finance Committee (benefit-sharing)
ISBA/26/A/24- ISBA/26/C/39**

Mr president,

DOSI - endorses a Sustainability Fund to advance protection of marine biodiversity, marine scientific research, capacity building and conservation.

We also second the comments made by other delegations, such as Costa Rica and Pew, who have reminded that Contractors and the Authority have legal duties to minimise environmental impacts from activities in the Area, which cannot be substituted by marine scientific activities (such as mitigation) undertaken after the event.

Thank you Mr President