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**Consideration, with a view to approval, of applications for a plan of work for exploration, if any**

### **Decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules submitted by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.**

*The Council of the International Seabed Authority,*

*Acting on the recommendation of the Legal and Technical Commission,*

*Noting that, on 4 June 2020, an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules was submitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with the regulations on prospecting and exploration for polymetallic nodules in the Area<sup>1</sup> by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd., sponsored by Jamaica,*

*Recalling that, in accordance with paragraph 6 (a) of section 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,<sup>2</sup> the processing of an application for approval of a plan of work for exploration shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Convention,<sup>3</sup> including annex III thereto, and the Agreement,*

*Recalling also that, pursuant to article 153, paragraph 3, of the Convention and paragraph 6 (b) of section 1 of the annex to the Agreement, the plan of work for exploration shall be in the form of a contract concluded between the Authority and the applicant,*

*Taking note of the advisory opinion of the Seabed Disputes Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea of 1 February 2011,*

1. *Takes note of the report and recommendations of the Legal and Technical Commission to the Council relating to an application for approval of a plan of work*

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\* Original dates. The meeting has been postponed sine die.

<sup>1</sup> ISBA/19/C/17, annex, and ISBA/19/A/12.

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 48/263, annex.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.



for exploration for polymetallic nodules by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.,<sup>4</sup> in particular paragraphs 33 to 37 thereof;

2. *Approves* the plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules submitted by Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.;

3. *Requests* that the Secretary-General of the Authority issue the plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules in the form of a contract between the Authority and Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd. in accordance with the regulations.

*10 December 2020*

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<sup>4</sup> ISBA/26/C/22.