



Legal and Technical Commission

Distr.: General
22 March 2021

Original: English

Twenty-sixth session

Legal and Technical Commission session
Kingston, 24 February–6 March 2020*

Revised agenda of the Legal and Technical Commission

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

A. Activities of the contractors

4. Report on the status of the contracts for exploration.
5. Status of the implementation of training programmes under plans of work for exploration and the allocation of training opportunities.
6. Consideration of the annual reports of contractors.
- 6 bis. Consideration of applications for extensions of contracts in accordance with the procedures and criteria for the extension of an approved plan of work for exploration pursuant to section 1, paragraph 9, 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 1982.¹
7. Report on the periodic reviews of the implementation of plans of work for exploration.

B. Applications for approval of plans of work for exploration

8. Consideration of applications for approval of plans of work for exploration, if any.²

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

¹ ISBA/21/C/19, annex.

² Applications for approval of plans of work for exploration, if any, will be considered in the order of their receipt.



C. Regulatory activities of the Authority

9. Outstanding issues with respect to the draft regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.
10. Development of standards and guidelines for activities in the Area.
- 10 bis. Procedure and criteria for the consideration of requests for the transfer of rights and obligations under a contract for exploration.
11. Continued review of the process for environmental impact assessment for designated activities during exploration.

D. Environmental management planning

12. Review of the implementation of the Environmental Management Plan for the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone and development of other regional environmental management plans in the Area.

E. Data management

13. Implementation of the data management strategy of the Authority.

F. Matters referred to the Commission by the Council

14. Issues related to the sponsorship by States of contracts of exploration in the Area, with particular attention to the test of effective control, as well as issues related to the monopolization of activities in the Area, taking into consideration, in particular, the concept of abuse of a dominant position.¹
15. Issues relating to the operation of the Enterprise, in particular the legal, technical and financial implications for the Authority.
16. Review of the provisions of the regulations on prospecting and exploration relating to the option of offering an equity interest in a joint venture arrangement, with a view to aligning all regulations in that respect and to making a recommendation thereon for consideration by the Council at its next session.
17. Issues associated with the conduct of marine scientific research in exploration areas.

G. Other matters

18. Other matters.
-