



INDICATIVE LIST OF MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD FULFIL THE CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE VARIOUS GROUPS OF STATES IN THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3, PARAGRAPH 15, OF THE ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PART XI OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA OF 10 DECEMBER 1982

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INTRODUCTION

1. In 1994, at the request of a number of delegations, the Secretariat prepared an informal paper in order to facilitate the determination of States which would fulfil the criteria for membership in the various groups of States in the Council of the International Seabed Authority. Similar lists were prepared for each successive election of the Council since.
2. The requirement for the lists is contained in section 3, paragraph 9, of the Annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement"), which states:

Before electing the members of the Council, the Assembly shall establish lists of countries fulfilling the criteria for membership in the groups of States in paragraph 15 (a) to (d). If a State fulfils the criteria for membership in more than one group, it may only be proposed by one group for election to the Council and it shall represent only that group in voting in the Council."

3. In accordance with section 3, paragraph 15 of the Annex to the Agreement, the Council of the International Seabed Authority shall consist of 36 members of the Authority, elected by the Assembly in the following order:

a) Four members from among those State 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 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 Eastern Europe 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 a State wishes to be represented in this group **[Group A];**

b) Four members from among the eight State 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 **[Group B];**

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 **[Group C];**

d) Six members from among developing States Parties, representing special interests. The special interests to be represented include those of States with large populations, States which are landlocked 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 of such minerals and least developed States **[Group D];**

e) Eighteen members elected according to the principle of ensuring an equitable geographical distribution of the 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 the Western Europe and Others **[Group E];**

4. The lists of States contained in the present paper are of a purely indicative nature and not necessarily exhaustive.

GROUP A

List 1

MAJOR CONSUMERS OF MORE THAN TWO PERCENT IN VALUE TERMS OF TOTAL WORLD CONSUMPTION OF THE COMMODITIES PRODUCED FROM THE CATEGORIES OF MINERALS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE AREA¹

State	Cumulative value of net consumption (2016-2020) (\$ US millions) ²	Approximate % of total world consumption (2016-2020) ³
China	470,301	45.0%
South Africa	51,437	4.9%
Australia	42,951	4.1%
(USA)*	42,673	4.1%
India	39,270	3.8%
France	37,409	3.6%
Indonesia	32,081	3.1%
Rep. of Korea	31,076	3.0%
Japan	29,490	2.8%
Mexico	21,801	2.1%
Others	247,493	23.7%

*Non-members of the International Seabed Authority

¹ Based on lists 2 of ISBA/27/A/CRP.2.

² Cumulative consumption of the commodities produced from cobalt, copper, manganese, and nickel.

³ Total world consumption is calculated as the sum of cumulative consumption of all the States, which either produce, import and export or only import and export the commodities produced from cobalt, copper, manganese, and nickel.

List 2

**MAJOR CONSUMERS⁴
(COBALT, COPPER, MANGANESE, NICKEL)**

Cobalt			Copper			Manganese			Nickel		
Country	Consumption (\$ US millions) & % of world		Country	Consumption (\$ US millions) & % of world		Country	Consumption (\$ US millions) & % of world		Country	Consumption (\$ US millions) & % of world	
	China	12,090		45.2%	China		379,535	58.6%		South Africa	50,507
Rep. of Korea	2,234	8.3%	(USA)*	39,448	6.1%	China	36,605	17.5%	Indonesia	31,598	17.2%
Japan	1,720	6.4%	India	24,034	3.7%	Australia	33,042	15.8%	France	29,508	16.0%
(USA)*	1,657	6.2%	Rep. of Korea	21,710	3.4%	Gabon	26,586	12.7%	Philippines	14,827	8.0%
France	1,380	5.2%	Mexico	18,579	2.9%	India	12,050	5.8%	Australia	9,356	5.1%
Cuba	1,095	4.1%	Japan	16,764	2.6%	Brazil	11,256	5.4%	Japan	9,102	4.9%
Philippines	1,074	4.0%	Italy	13,529	2.1%	Ghana	10,021	4.8%	Brazil	5,392	2.9%
Zambia	666	2.5%	Others	133,876	20.7%	Ukraine	6,887	3.3%	Rep. of Korea	4,866	2.6%
Australia	553	2.1%				Malaysia	5,130	2.5%	Others	37,498	20.4%
Finland	545	2.0%				Others	16,841	8.1%			
Others	3,762	14.0%									

*Non-members of the International Seabed Authority

⁴ Consumption is calculated as the value of the national production plus imports, minus exports, or simply imports minus exports where there is no production. Countries which have data available on import, production and export but whose production/export of the four minerals have a substantial bearing upon their economies are classified as producers/exporters. Import and export statistics are obtained from UN Statistics Division, COMTRADE Database (2016-2020). Mine production obtained from British Geological Survey, World Mineral Production (2016-2019). Unit metal prices used for calculation of value in US dollars for the four minerals produced are approximate and are based on the five-year average market price over 2016-2020.

List 3

MAJOR NET IMPORTERS OF MORE THAN TWO PERCENT IN VALUE TERMS OF TOTAL WORLD IMPORT OF THE COMMODITIES PRODUCED FROM THE CATEGORIES OF MINERALS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE AREA⁵

State	Cumulative net imports (2016-2020) (\$ US millions)	Approximate % of total world imports
China	435,171	34.3%
Japan	73,613	5.8%
Germany	72,896	5.7%
(USA)*	64,343	5.1%
Rep. of Korea	55,506	4.4%
France	46,609	3.7%
India	40,328	3.2%
Italy	36,861	2.9%
Spain	25,524	2.0%
Others	435,171	34.3%

⁵ Based on list 4 of ISBA/27/A/CRP.2. Selected trade flows: Import; Source: <http://comtrade.un.org/db/default.aspx>.

LIST 4

MAJOR IMPORTERS OF MORE THAN TWO PERCENT IN VALUE TERMS OF TOTAL WORLD IMPORT OF THE COMMODITIES PRODUCED FROM THE CATEGORY OF MINERALS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE AREA

a) Cobalt and Copper

Cobalt						Copper					
Ores & Concentrates			Articles			Ores & Concentrates			Articles		
State	US\$ million	% of world	State	US\$ million	% of world	State	US\$ million	% of world	State	US\$ million	% of world
China	12,973	47.8%	Rep. of Korea	1,857	40.9%	China	148,891	48.5%	China	211,547	26.6%
(USA)*	2,937	10.8%	Spain	501	11.0%	Japan	55,655	18.1%	(USA)*	63,512	8.0%
Japan	2,733	10.1%	(USA)*	361	7.9%	Rep. of Korea	18,149	5.9%	Germany	52,622	6.6%
United Kingdom	1,004	3.7%	China	249	5.5%	Spain	15,746	5.1%	Italy	32,578	4.1%
Germany	970	3.6%	Japan	222	4.9%	India	11,078	3.6%	Rep. of Korea	26,955	3.4%
Belgium	848	3.1%	Germany	180	3.9%	Germany	10,508	3.4%	Belgium	22,247	2.8%
Other	5,656	20.9%	Belgium	157	3.5%	Bulgaria	7,549	2.5%	India	22,101	2.8%
			Zambia	133	2.9%	Other	39,286	12.8%	Mexico	19,511	2.5%
			Italy	99	2.2%				Thailand	19,106	2.4%
			Namibia	93	2.1%				France	16,995	2.1%
			Other	693	15.2%				Japan	16,320	2.1%
									Other	290,768	36.6%

*Non-members of the International Seabed Authority

LIST 4 continued...

b) Manganese and Nickel

Manganese						Nickel					
Ores & Concentrates			Articles			Ores & Concentrates			Articles		
State	US\$ million	% of world	State	US\$ million	% of world	State	US\$ million	% of world	State	US\$ million	% of world
China	23,224	60.3%	Japan	1,042	17.6%	China	13,419	71.0%	China	24,826	18.2%
India	3,127	8.1%	Rep. of Korea	898	15.2%	Japan	1,263	6.7%	(USA)*	15,370	11.3%
Japan	1,503	3.9%	Russian Federation	576	9.7%	Canada	1,219	6.4%	Japan	15,011	11.0%
Rep. of Korea	1,442	3.7%	Netherlands	445	7.5%	Rep. of Korea	1,015	5.4%	Germany	7,941	5.8%
Norway	1,281	3.3%	(USA)*	444	7.5%	Finland	921	4.9%	Norway	7,796	5.7%
Russian Federation	1,181	3.1%	Germany	437	7.4%	Other	1,075	5.7%	United Kingdom	7,451	5.5%
Malaysia	1,168	3.0%	India	431	7.3%				France	5,196	3.8%
Ukraine	828	2.1%	Austria	214	3.6%				Rep. of Korea	4,661	3.4%
(USA)*	803	2.1%	Brazil	179	3.0%				Finland	4,183	3.1%
Other	3,958	10.3%	France	151	2.5%				Netherlands	4,109	3.0%
			Other	1,103	18.6%				Italy	3,920	2.9%
									India	3,300	2.4%
									Other	32,460	23.8%

*Non-members of the International Seabed Authority

GROUP B

List 5

STATES WHICH HAVE MADE THE LARGEST INVESTMENT IN PREPARATION FOR AND IN THE CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THEIR NATIONALS

1. With respect to this Group, the Assembly is required to elect four States Parties from among the eight States Parties which have made the largest investments in preparation for and in conduct of activities in the Area, either directly or through their nationals.

2. For this purpose, the Assembly will need to ascertain which States Parties are currently the largest investors. In 1995, following consultations and exchange of information among the following eighteen States which considered themselves as belonging to this category on the basis of the previous investments in deep seabed mining activities, there was agreement within the Group that the eight largest investors at the time (1995) were China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Netherlands, the Russian Federation and the United States (ISBA/A/L.1, para.14).

Pursuant to a request made initially at the ninth session by one delegation, the Secretary-General had, prior to each election for Group B, written to each of the member States listed below, inviting them to provide such information as may be considered appropriate to enable the Secretariat to update the present indicative list. In line with this practice, the Secretary-General wrote to the member States listed below 7 March 2022. The responses are expected by 31 May 2022. As of 31 May 2022, three member States have provided the relevant information. In light of this, the Secretariat has not made any changes to the Group B indicative list established in 1995.

States eligible for membership in Group B (list established in 1995)	
Belgium*	Italy
Bulgaria*	Japan*
Canada	Netherlands
China*	Poland*
Cuba*	Republic of Korea*
Czech Republic*	Russian Federation *
France*	Slovakia*
Germany*	United Kingdom*
India*	

* Has a contract with the Authority or a sponsoring State of a contractor

GROUP C
List 6
MAJOR PRODUCERS AND NET EXPORTERS
(COBALT, COPPER, MANGANESE, NICKEL)

List 6-A

A. COBALT

COBALT						
Mine Production (2016-2020)⁶				Exports of Ores and Concentrates (2016-2020)⁷		
State	Metal Content, metric tonnes	% of World Production	Value (Million US \$)	Country	Value (Million US \$)	% of World Export
Congo, DR	436,649	64.4%	18,956	Congo, DR	18,392	99.70%
Russian Federation	30,450	4.5%	1,322	Others	55	0.30%
Australia	28,180	4.2%	1,223			
Canada	27,636	4.1%	1,200			
China	25,971	3.8%	1,127			
Cuba	25,221	3.7%	1,095			
Philippines	24,700	3.6%	1,072			
Papua New Guinea	14,629	2.2%	635			
Madagascar	13,420	2.0%	583			
Others	51,037	7.5%	2,216			

⁶ Data based on British Geological Survey, Worlds Mineral Production 2015-2019 and USGS data for 2020. Unit Price used US\$43,412 per tonne of LME monthly closing price 2016-2020. <http://comtrade.un.org/db/default.aspx>, selected classification: HS as reported, selected years: 2016-2020.

⁷ No data available on export of cobalt by Congo, DR for the last 16 years, therefore the calculated concentrate/ore export = Mine Production – Refined Production.

List 6-B

B. COPPER

COPPER						
Mine Production (2016-2020) ⁸				Exports of Ores and Concentrates (2016-2020) ⁹		
Country	metric tonnes (Metal Content)	% of World Production	Value (Million US \$)	Country	Value (Million US \$)	% of World Export
Chile	28,405,100	28.6%	168,867	Chile	117,770	35.5%
(Peru)*	11,841,919	11.9%	70,400	(Peru)*	55,099	16.6%
China	8,625,522	8.7%	51,278	Australia	24,933	7.5%
(USA)*	6,370,000	6.4%	37,869	Canada	18,620	5.6%
Congo, DR	6,363,938	6.4%	37,833	Indonesia	14,800	4.5%
Australia	4,526,627	4.6%	26,910	Mexico	13,849	4.2%
Zambia	4,013,697	4.0%	23,861	(USA)*	13,554	4.1%
Russian Federation	3,959,900	4.0%	23,541	Brazil	11,788	3.6%
Mexico	3,706,497	3.7%	22,035	Mongolia	8,807	2.7%
Canada	2,984,045	3.0%	17,740	Spain	7,847	2.4%
Indonesia	2,857,166	2.9%	16,986	(Kazakhstan)*	5,340	1.6%
(Kazakhstan)*	2,828,100	2.8%	16,813	Congo, DR	4,681	1.4%
Poland	2,086,300	2.1%	12,403	Georgia	3,490	1.1%
Others	10,842,973	10.9%	64,461	Others	31,333	9.4%

*Non-members of the International Seabed Authority

⁸ Data based on British Geological Survey, Worlds Mineral Production 2015-2019 and USGS data for 2020. Unit Price used US\$5,945 per tonne of LME average spot price 2016-2020.

⁹ No data available on export of copper by Congo, DR for the last 16 years, therefore the calculated concentrate/ore export = Mine Production – Refined Production.

List 6-C

C. MANGANESE

MANGANESE						
Mine Production (2016-2020) ¹⁰				Exports of Ores and Concentrates (2016-2020)		
Country	'000 metric tonnes (Metal Content)	% of World Production	Value (Million US \$)	Country	Value (Million US \$)	% of World Export
South Africa	28,800	32.7%	64,019	South Africa	13,056	73.2%
Australia	15,050	17.1%	33,454	Brazil	1,811	10.2%
Gabon	11,960	13.6%	26,586	Ghana	896	5.0%
China	7,900	9.0%	17,561	Australia	524,	2.9%
Brazil	5,784	6.6%	12,857	Côte d'Ivoire	294	1.6%
Ghana	4,910	5.6%	10,914	Others	1,262	7.1%
India	3,873	4.4%	8,609			
Ukraine	2,755	3.1%	6,124			
Malaysia	1,871	2.1%	5,571			
Other countries	5,243	25.9%	10,243			

¹⁰ Data based on US Geological Survey, Worlds Mineral Production 2016-2020. Unit Price used US\$ 2,223 per tonne of USGS Minerals Yearbook 2020 - Manganese.

List 6-D

D. NICKEL

NICKEL						
Mine Production (2016-2020) ¹¹				Exports of Ores and Concentrates (2016-2020)		
Country	metric tonnes (Metal Content)	% of World Production	Value (Million US \$)	Country	Value (Million US \$)	% of World Export
Indonesia	3,017,800	26.7%	36,698	Philippines	3,410	25.6%
Philippines	1,642,174	14.6%	19,970	Zimbabwe	2,463	18.5%
Russian Federation	1,171,000	10.4%	14,240	Indonesia	1,880	14.1%
France	1,045,363	9.3%	12,712	Australia	1,667	12.5%
Canada	983,202	8.7%	11,956	(USA)*	1,298	9.7%
Australia	876,374	7.8%	10,657	Finland	906	6.8%
China	535,393	4.7%	6,511	Canada	765	5.7%
Brazil	415,900	3.7%	5,058	Guatemala	341	2.6%
Others	1,598,551	14.2%	19,439	Others	600	4.5%

¹¹ Data based on British Geological Survey, Worlds Mineral Production 2015-2019 and USGS data for 2020. Unit Price used US\$12,161 per tonne of LME average cash-settlement 2016-2020.

GROUP D
List 7
DEVELOPING STATES WITH A LARGE POPULATION¹²

State	Population (millions) in 2019	Percentage of World Population in 2019 (7,794.6 million)
China	1,439.32	18.5%
India	1,380.00	17.7%
Indonesia	273.52	3.5%
Brazil	220.89	2.8%
Pakistan	212.56	2.7%
Nigeria	206.14	2.6%
Bangladesh	164.69	2.1%

¹²Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs Population Dynamics, World Population Prospects 2019. www.population.un.org/wpp/

List 8
DEVELOPING STATES WHICH ARE LANDLOCKED OR GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED

Land-locked Countries ¹³	Geographically Disadvantaged ¹⁴
Armenia	Algeria
Azerbaijan	Bahrain
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Cameroon
Botswana	Congo, Democratic Republic of
Burkina Faso	Djibouti
Chad	Gambia
Eswatini	Iraq
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Jamaica
Lesotho	Jordan
Macedonia, North	Kuwait
Malawi	Montenegro
Mali	Qatar
Moldova, Rep. of	Serbia
Mongolia	Singapore
Nepal	Sudan
Niger	
Paraguay	
Uganda	
Zambia	
Zimbabwe	

¹³ Sources: www.unctad.org; the table is limited to members of the Authority only.

¹⁴ Source of geographically disadvantaged developing States is List 8 of ISBA/24/A/CRP.2 (24 May 2018).

List 9

SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES¹⁵

Members of the United Nations	Non-Members of the United Nations
Antigua and Barbuda	Cook Islands
Bahamas	Niue
Bahrain	
Barbados	
Belize	
Cape Verde	
Comoros	
Cuba	
Dominica	
Dominican Republic	
Fiji	
Grenada	
Guinea-Bissau	
Guyana	
Haiti	
Jamaica	
Kiribati	
Maldives	
Marshall Islands	
Mauritius	
Micronesia, Federated States of	
Nauru	
Palau	
Papua New Guinea	
St. Kitts and Nevis	
St. Lucia	
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	
Samoa	
São Tomé and Príncipe	
Seychelles	
Singapore	
Solomon Islands	
Suriname	
Timor-Leste	
Tonga	
Trinidad and Tobago	
Tuvalu	
Vanuatu	

¹⁵ Source of Small Island developing states data is UN office of the high representative for the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing states (OHRLLS) (<http://unohrlls.org/about-sids/country-profiles/>).

List 10

DEVELOPING STATES WHICH ARE MAJOR IMPORTERS OF THE CATEGORIES OF MINERALS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE AREA¹⁶

Cobalt	Copper	Manganese	Nickel
China	China	China	China
Zambia	India	India	Singapore
India	Malaysia	Indonesia	Malaysia
Singapore	Thailand	Brazil	India

¹⁶Source: List 4 and List 11 of ISBA/27/A/CRP.2

List 11

DEVELOPING STATES WHICH ARE MAJOR IMPORTERS OF THE FOUR MINERALS THAT MAY BE DERIVED FROM THE AREA¹⁷

Country	Mineral Commodity	Approximate % of World Import	Trade Value (million US\$)
China	Copper	58.1%	360,438
	Cobalt	78.9%	13,222
	Nickel	58.2%	38,245
	Manganese	72.4%	23,266
India	Copper	5.3%	33,180
	Nickel	5.1%	3,317
	Manganese	11.1%	3,559
Malaysia	Copper	2.8%	17,129
	Nickel	2.4%	1,577
	Manganese	3.6%	1,171
Thailand	Copper	3.1%	19,147
Mexico	Copper	2.8%	17,604
	Nickel	2.2%	1,462

¹⁷Source: List 4 of ISBA/27/A/CRP.2

List 12

DEVELOPING STATES WHICH ARE POTENTIAL PRODUCERS OF THE CATEGORIES OF MINERALS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE AREA¹⁸

Country	Minerals	Country	Minerals
(Afghanistan)*	Nickel	(Iran)*	Copper, Manganese
Albania	Copper	(Kazakhstan)*	Copper, Manganese
Argentina	Copper	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	Copper
Armenia	Copper	Macedonia, North	Copper, Nickel
Azerbaijan	Copper	Mauritania	Copper
Bolivia	Copper	Mexico	Copper, Manganese
Botswana	Cobalt, Copper, Nickel	Mongolia	Copper
Brazil	Cobalt, Copper, Manganese, Nickel	Morocco	Cobalt, Copper, Manganese, Nickel
Chile	Copper	Namibia	Copper, Manganese
China	Cobalt, Copper, Manganese, Nickel	Pakistan	Copper
(Colombia)*	Copper, Nickel	Papua New Guinea	Cobalt, Copper, Nickel
Congo, D.R.	Cobalt, Copper	(Peru)*	Copper
Cote d'Ivoire	Manganese	Philippines	Cobalt, Copper, Nickel
Cuba	Cobalt, Nickel	Romania	Copper, Manganese
(D.P.R of Korea)*	Copper	Serbia	Copper
Dominican Republic	Copper, Nickel	South Africa	Cobalt, Copper, Manganese, Nickel
Ecuador	Copper	Tanzania	Copper
(Eritrea)*	Copper	Thailand	Manganese
Egypt	Manganese	(Turkey)*	Copper, Manganese, Nickel
Gabon	Manganese	Ukraine	Manganese
Georgia	Copper, Manganese	(Uzbekistan)*	Copper
Ghana	Manganese	(Venezuela)*	Nickel
Guatemala	Nickel	Viet Nam	Copper
India	Copper, Manganese	Zambia	Cobalt, Copper, Nickel
Indonesia	Cobalt, Copper, Nickel	Zimbabwe	Cobalt, Copper, Nickel

¹⁸ Sources: (a) United Nations Statistics Division, Composition of macro geographical (continental) regions, geographical sub-regions, <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49regin.htm>. (b) British Geological Survey, World Mineral Production 2015-2019.

*Non-member States

List 13
THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES¹⁹

The Least Developed Countries	
Angola	Mauritania
Bangladesh	Mozambique
Benin	Myanmar
Burkina Faso	Nepal
Chad	Niger
Comoros	Sao Tome and Principe
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Senegal
Djibouti	Sierra Leone
Gambia	Solomon Islands
Guinea	Somalia
Guinea-Bissau	Sudan
Haiti	Timor-Leste
Kiribati	Togo
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Tuvalu
Lesotho	Uganda
Liberia	United Republic of Tanzania
Madagascar	Yemen
Malawi	Zambia
Mali	

¹⁹ The list is limited to those States are the members of the International Seabed Authority.
Source: <https://unctad.org/topic/least-developed-countries/list>

GROUP E
List 14
REGIONAL GROUPS²⁰

African Group (45 Members)					
1	Algeria	17	Gabon	33	Niger
2	Angola	18	Gambia	34	Nigeria
3	Benin	19	Ghana	35	Sao Tome & Principe
4	Botswana	20	Guinea	36	Senegal
5	Burkina Faso	21	Guinea-Bissau	37	Seychelles
6	Cameroon	22	Kenya	38	Sierra Leone
7	Cape Verde	23	Lesotho	39	Somalia
8	Chad	24	Liberia	40	South Africa
9	Comoros	25	Madagascar	41	Sudan
10	Congo	26	Malawi	42	Togo
11	Cote d'Ivoire	27	Mali	43	Tunisia
12	Congo, Democratic Rep of the	28	Mauritania	44	Uganda
13	Djibouti	29	Mauritius	45	United Republic of Tanzania
14	Egypt	30	Morocco	46	Zambia
15	Equatorial Guinea	31	Mozambique	47	Zimbabwe
16	Eswatini	32	Namibia		
Asia-Pacific Group (45 Members)					
1	Bahrain	16	Lebanon	31	Qatar
2	Bangladesh	17	Malaysia	32	Republic of Korea
3	Brunei Darussalam	18	Maldives	33	Samoa
4	China	19	Marshall Islands	34	Saudi Arabia
5	Cook Islands	20	Micronesia (Federated States of)	35	Singapore
6	Cyprus	21	Mongolia	36	Solomon Islands
7	Fiji	22	Myanmar	37	Sri Lanka
8	India	23	Nauru	38	State of Palestine
9	Indonesia	24	Nepal	39	Thailand
10	Iraq	25	Niue	40	Timor-Leste
11	Japan	26	Oman	41	Tonga
12	Jordan	27	Pakistan	42	Tuvalu
13	Kiribati	28	Palau	43	Vanuatu
14	Kuwait	29	Papua New Guinea	44	Viet Nam
15	Lao People's Democratic Republic	30	Philippines	45	Yemen

²⁰ The list is compiled on the basis of the unofficial list used for the United Nations General Assembly election and is limited to the member States of the International Seabed Authority (167 as of 31 May 2022). The European Union, which is a member, is not counted for this purpose.

Eastern European Group (23 Members)					
1	Albania	9	Estonia	17	Poland
2	Armenia	10	Georgia	18	Romania
3	Azerbaijan	11	Hungary	19	Russian Federation
4	Belarus	12	Lithuania	20	Serbia
5	Bosnia and Herzegovina	13	Latvia	21	Slovakia
6	Bulgaria	14	Macedonia, North	22	Slovenia
7	Croatia	15	Moldova	23	Ukraine
8	Czech Republic	16	Montenegro		
Latin American and Caribbean State Group (29 Members)					
1	Antigua and Barbuda	11	Dominica	21	Nicaragua
2	Argentina	12	Dominican Republic	22	Panama
3	Bahamas	13	Ecuador	23	Paraguay
4	Barbados	14	Grenada	24	Saint Kitts and Nevis
5	Belize	15	Guatemala	25	Saint Lucia
6	Bolivia	16	Guyana	26	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
7	Brazil	17	Haiti	27	Suriname
8	Chile	18	Honduras	28	Trinidad and Tobago
9	Costa Rica	19	Jamaica	29	Uruguay
10	Cuba	20	Mexico		
Western Europe and Other State Group (23 Members)					
1	Australia	9	Greece	17	New Zealand
2	Austria	10	Iceland	18	Norway
3	Belgium	11	Ireland	19	Portugal
4	Canada	12	Italy	20	Spain
5	Denmark	13	Luxembourg	21	Sweden
6	Finland	14	Malta	22	Switzerland
7	France	15	Monaco	23	United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
8	Germany	16	Netherlands		