

**Statement by
the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
At the 25th Session of the International Seabed Authority**

Kingston, Jamaica, 15 July 2019

Madam President,

Mr. Secretary General,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, allow me to congratulate you Madam President for your able leadership in leading this session. Indonesia truly believes that under your guidance and able leadership, we will see much progress in the development of the drafting of the ISA Regulation on Exploitation as well as other matters pertaining to the work of the Council.

Indonesia would like to use this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Erasmo Alonso Lara Cabrera for his election to the Legal and Technical Committee.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Jamaica for its warm hospitality extended to the Indonesian Delegation.

Madam President, Mr. Secretary General,

Indonesia would further like to extend its appreciation to the Secretary – General for the excellent work in providing the report on comparative study of existing national legislation.

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Indonesia would like to inform all members of the Council of the International Seabed Authority that Indonesia is currently in the process of formulating a national legislation regarding maritime activities in areas beyond national jurisdiction, including in the Area.

The work has been on going for a while as the drafting involves various stakeholders and the draft regulation covers a wide range of issues, including environment, business contracts, investment, and so forth.

In this regard, Indonesia seeks to cooperate with the Authority and all member States in order for Indonesia to receive positive inputs to ensure that the draft legislation will be implementable, and most importantly, will not be in contravention to international law, particularly the UNCLOS. Indonesia plans to hold a workshop in order to raise awareness about the Area in Indonesia, we hope that the ISA and the member States can actively participate in the workshop that will be held soon.

Thank you.