

**Statement by  
the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia  
At the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Seabed Authority**

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Thank you, Madam President,

First of all, Happy International Nelson Mandela Day. Indonesia recognizes Nelson Mandela as a dear friend and a great personality. In fact, the Batik shirt that I am wearing today is sometimes called the Mandela shirt, evidencing the fondness of President Mandela of Batik as well as the close relations that exist between Indonesia and South Africa. I would also like to extend my highest gratitude to the Chair of the Legal and Technical Committee for the comprehensive report as well as to the entire members of LTC for the excellent work. In this session, allow me to put on record, that Indonesia views the July 2020 deadline as an **aspirational deadline**. In this regard, Indonesia aligns itself with [Germany] and other distinguished delegates that the Regulation should substantially be an implementable and effective document.

As I have stated in my statement two days ago, Indonesia holds the view that the deliberation should primarily be driven by the need to strike the exact balance between economic development, environmental protection, and the spirit of cooperation.

However, in stating that the 2020 deadline is aspirational, it does not mean that Indonesia seeks to prolong the negotiation on the draft Regulation. Indonesia will work together with all members States to ensure that we can finalize the document as soon as possible, without necessarily being bound by an exact deadline that may affect the quality of the Regulation.

Thank you.

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