

**Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative (DOSI)
Statements to the 25th Session of the ISA Council (Part 2)**

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Agenda Item 12: Report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission on the work of the Commission at its twenty-fifth session

Thank you for giving us the floor, Madam President.

The Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative joins you, Madame President, and others, in highlighting the great significance of honouring Nelson Mandela today.

DOSI welcomes the report of the Chair of the Legal and Technical Commission at the 25th Session. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Report from the first part (ISBA/25/C/19), which is in relation to the 'Revised recommendations for the guidance of contractors for the assessment of the possible environmental impacts arising from exploration for marine minerals in the Area', we take note, with great appreciation, that the LTC has not only consulted contractors, but also external scientific experts, in particular, experts in disciplines not covered by the expertise within the LTC. In future, in order to guarantee a wider participation, DOSI recommends opening this process for other stakeholder comments, as this will serve to strengthen the output of such instruments, and also to fill any gaps that may not have been covered by the suggestions provided by the contractors and external experts that were consulted. Groups, such as DOSI, have the expertise on this and are readily available to contribute to this exercise.

Thank you, Madame President.