

**Statement
by the delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
On the Statement of the President of the Council**

Kingston, 22 July 2018

Madame President,
Mr. Secretary General,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, as this is the first time this delegation take the floor, we would like to join other delegates to sincerely congratulate your election as the President of the Assembly and offer our support and wish you a great success in chairing this crucial meeting. Indonesia also commend able leadership of the President of the council whose hard work with member states and organ of the authority namely legal and technical commission and the secretariat has provided strong foundation to continue our deliberation in this very strategic phase of the work of the Authority, in particular regarding the exploitation code.

Madame President.

In order to sum up Indonesia's observation. Please allow me to reiterate Indonesia's views on the strategic role of the council in the years to come.

1. *On the exploitation code:*

Indonesia holds that the council should continue to deliver focus driven discussion and strike the balance corresponding to the view of relevant stakeholders, especially the view of member states, with the mandate of the authority and the rights and obligations provided in accordance with the Convention such as the rights and legitimate interests of coastal state and the need to enhance opportunities of developing states to participate in the Area. At the same time, Indonesia share the view of other delegations that the exploitation code should affect and be informed by other discussion regarding utilisation of resources in the high seas such as the BBNJ discussion. In this regard, Indonesia welcomes the calls

to submits suggestions on the exploitation code, at the latest by October 2019, and shall provide its comments and inputs in due course. In stating that, we also share the view that the decided timeline should be translated as an indicative dateline to produce a substantive regulation.

2. On cooperation matters:

This delegation would like to stress the importance of having more cooperation, endorsed by the council, between the Authority and member states that would enable more member states to participate and share their views and suggestions on deliberation regarding the exploitation code.

In this context, in the light of ISA strategic plan, Indonesia commends and highlight the impressive engagement between the Authority and the African Group which has provided example on how such positive interaction may enable a region to come as one of strong regional voice on the work of the council. This delegation hopes that the Authority will continue to strengthen its engagement with other regional group and wishes that in the future deliberation, other region may also provide substantive inputs on the crucial work of the council and the legal and technical commission especially in the light of the discussion regarding regional environmental management plan in the exploitation code.

Thank you madame President