



## Legal and Technical Commission

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### Twenty-third session

Kingston, 31 July-18 August 2017

### Agenda of the Legal and Technical Commission<sup>1</sup>

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.
3. Adoption of the agenda.

#### A. Activities of the contractors

4. Report on the status of the contracts for exploration.
5. Status of the implementation of training programmes under plans of work for exploration and the allocation of training opportunities.
6. Consideration of an application for extension of an approved plan of work for exploration.
7. Consideration of the annual reports of contractors.<sup>2</sup>
8. Periodic reviews of the implementation of plans of work for exploration.

#### B. Applications for approval of plans of work for exploration

9. Consideration of applications for approval of plans of work for exploration, if any.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission will meet twice in 2017. The first meeting will be held from 20 February to 3 March 2017; on 20 February, it will take the form of a workshop and training session to familiarize the new members of the Commission with the work of the Authority and the working methods of the Commission. The second meeting will be held during the twenty-third session of the Authority, from 31 July to 18 August 2017. Unless otherwise indicated, the items on the agenda are to be taken up by the Commission at its first meeting.

<sup>2</sup> To be taken up during the July-August session.

<sup>3</sup> Applications for approval of plans of work for exploration, if any, will be considered in the order of their receipt.



**C. Regulatory activities of the Authority**

10. Consideration and approval of draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the Area.
11. Review of the implementation of the Environmental Management Plan for the Clarion-Clipperton Zone and development of environmental management plans in other international seabed area zones.
12. Review of the recommendations for the guidance of contractors for the assessment of the possible environmental impacts arising from exploration for marine minerals in the Area.

**D. Data management**

13. Implementation of the data management strategy for the Authority.

**E. Matters referred to the Commission by the Council**

14. Issues related to the sponsorship by States of contracts of exploration in the Area, with particular attention to the test of effective control, as well as issues related to monopolization of activities in the Area, taking into consideration, in particular, the concept of abuse of a dominant position.
15. Issues relating to the operation of the Enterprise, in particular the legal, technical and financial implications for the Authority.
16. Review of the provisions of the regulations on prospecting and exploration relating to the option of offering an equity interest in a joint venture arrangement, with a view to aligning all regulations in that respect and to making a recommendation thereon for consideration by the Council at its next session.
17. Issues associated with the conduct of marine scientific research in exploration areas.

**F. Other matters**

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