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The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,

1. *Welcomes* the decision of the Seabed Disputes Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to respond to the request made on 6 May 2010 by the Council of the International Seabed Authority for the Chamber to render an advisory opinion;¹

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the advisory opinion on the responsibilities and obligations of States sponsoring persons and entities with respect to activities in the Area delivered by the Chamber on 1 February 2011.²

¹ ISBA/16/C/13.

² Case No. 17, "Responsibilities and obligations of States sponsoring persons and entities with respect to activities in the Area", concerning the request for an advisory opinion of the Seabed Disputes Chamber.