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### **Decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the status of fees paid for processing of applications for approval of plans of work for exploration and related matters**

*The Council of the International Seabed Authority,*

*Taking account* of section 8 of the annex to the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

*Noting with concern* the report of the Secretary-General contained in document ISBA/18/C/3,

*Noting* that the Finance Committee has requested a report from the Secretary-General, at its next meeting in 2013, on possible measures to ensure that the cost of administration and supervision of contracts between the Authority and the contractors is not borne by member States,

1. *Requests* the Finance Committee as a first priority to report to the Council at its nineteenth session on the measures to establish a system of cost recovery which the Finance Committee recommends as a result of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Decides* to take up the issue at its nineteenth session with a view to adopting, as a matter of urgency at that session, measures which are fully consistent with the Convention and the Agreement;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw to the attention of all contractors the present decision and the provisions in the standard clauses for exploration contracts concerning revision of contracts.<sup>1</sup>

*181st meeting*  
*26 July 2012*

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<sup>1</sup> Section 24 of the standard clauses for exploration contracts.

