



## Legal and Technical Commission

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Kingston, Jamaica  
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### **Agenda of the Legal and Technical Commission<sup>1</sup>**

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

#### **A. Activities of contractors**

4. Report on the status of contracts for exploration.
5. Consideration of the annual reports of contractors.<sup>2</sup>
6. Information on the periodic review of implementation of the plan of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules by the Government of India.<sup>2</sup>
7. Consideration of draft recommendations for the guidance of contractors relating to the implementation of training obligations.
8. Selection of candidates for training.

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

9. Consideration of applications for approval of plans of work for exploration<sup>3</sup> for:
  - (a) Cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts;
  - (b) Polymetallic nodules;

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission will meet twice in 2013. The first meeting will be held from 4 to 8 February 2013; the second meeting will be held from 8 to 19 July 2013. Unless otherwise indicated, the items on the agenda will be taken up by the Commission at its first meeting.

<sup>2</sup> To be taken up during the July meeting.

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



- (c) Polymetallic sulphides.

**C. Environmental implications of activities in the Area**

- 10. Consideration of draft recommendations for the guidance of contractors for the assessment of the possible environmental impacts arising from exploration for marine minerals in the Area.

**D. Regulatory activities of the Authority**

- 11. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Regulations on prospecting and exploration for polymetallic nodules in the Area.
- 12. Consideration of issues relating to proposed regulations for exploitation of polymetallic nodules in the Area.

**E. Other matters**

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