

**Statement of the Pew Charitable Trusts on an ISA Inspection Mechanism  
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Madam President, the development of an Inspectorate – a body of highly-qualified individuals, acting independent of, but in cooperation with, both contractors and the ISA Secretariat – will mark an important step in the maturation of the Authority. But an Inspectorate fit for a fully-developed Deep-Sea Mining industry will not be required during the early days of that industry. Given that fact, and given the limited funds available, the careful and sequential approach suggested in the Secretariat paper seems sensible and comprehensive. But the excellent questions posed by the Secretariat paper cannot be answered easily by this deliberative body, and certainly not soon.

May I risk redundancy and once again recommend the empanelment of a Special Expert Advisory Body – with appropriate geographic diversity -- that could provide some well-considered answers to the well-considered questions contained within the Secretariat's excellent paper. A small number of inspectorate models could be presented so as to facilitate concentrated discussion here in the Council. And once again, Pew would be pleased to support that Special Expert Advisory Body.

Thank you, Madam President.