



TONGA INTERVENTIONS TO PART 1 OF THE 25TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE ISA

Intervention 6: Implementing an inspection mechanism for activities in the Area

We would support exploring approaches adopted in other inspectorate mechanisms, in particular the mechanism under CCAMLR as highlighted by the note whilst recognizing that such exploration means to draw upon in principal and come up with some focused or specific to the ISA. Exploring also how the mechanism will interact with the Sponsoring States mechanism will be vital.

It is essential that measures are in place to ensure the security of inspectors in light of the risks that arise in exercising their duties and responsibilities. Additionally, my delegation shares the view that a risk-based approach in implementing the inspectorate mechanism is essential particularly in light of potential costs to be incurred.

Regarding the issue of remote monitoring technologies, in our written submission, we highlighted the need to explore appropriate use and role of these technologies, and the administrative and operative costs it entails. We do take note of the views highlighted by the Secretariat in Part IV, and we share the view that other forms of remote monitoring could be employed, including remote sensing. In particular, the need to determine the minimum requirements for the use of remote monitoring technology, including remote sensing.