

Note No. 41/2019

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the International Seabed Authority presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority and has the honour to refer to Note Verbale No. ISA/EOSG/2019/152 dated 3 May, 2019 requesting written comments by the members of the Authority and all other stakeholders on the first draft of a "High-Level Action Plan for the International Seabed Authority for the 2019-2023 period" and on the draft "Key Performance Indicators."

In this regard, relevant authorities of the Republic of Cuba concerned with the assessment of both documents state that the High-Level Action Plan accurately describes the actions that shall be implemented to achieve the expected results once the Strategic Plan for the International Seabed Authority for the five-year period 2019-2023 is designed.

Likewise, the relevant authorities state that Key Performance Indicators are considered to be clear and precise enough to assess the performance of the Authority in order to achieve compliance with strategic directions, which are extremely important, especially in relation to the environmental protection of marine habitats, the training goals set, as well as in promoting and ensuring the participation of developing countries and the equitable distribution of financial and economic benefits.

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The Permanent Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Seabed Authority the assurances of its highest consideration.

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