

**Intervention of INDIA regarding agenda item no. 11 (date: 01-August-2022)**

Thank you Mr. President

As our delegation is taking the floor for the 1st time today, please permit us to congratulate you on assuming position as the acting President of the assembly session. We assure you of our fullest cooperation in smooth and successful conduct of the 27th session of the assembly. We wish and hope that the assembly will be able to accomplish what is envisaged in the agenda items for the next 5 days.

Mr. President,

Our delegation joins other delegations in paying tributes to the memory of the late Nii Allotey Odunton who had succeeded his Excellency Satya Nandan as the 2nd secretary general of the authority. As a Master of Science degree in Mineral Economics and Mine Finance, he served the United Nations in various capacities for over four decades. The successful adaptation of code for exploration of ocean minerals was one of his several accomplishments. We fondly recall his visits to India as the Deputy Secretary General and the Secretary General of the authority more than a couple of times. We gratefully recall his passion for deep ocean mining and his encouragement to India in taking lead in exploratory mining of polymetallic nodules.

Mr. President,

It would not be an exaggeration to say that his services would be remembered by the members of the authority for many more decades to come. Our delegation feels that the true tribute to the memory of late Nii Odunton would be realizing the common heritage of the mankind with due consideration to the environmental protection and preservation.

Thank you Mr.President for the floor.