



**Intervention during the Informal Working Group on the Protection and preservation of the Marine Environment – Facilitator’s text (VI).**

Thank you Madam Facilitator,

DOSI would like to support Germany and Costa Rica in their proposal regarding the inclusion of the comparison of baseline data and monitoring data to determine effects on the marine environment in DR51(a).

We also want to emphasize that cumulative impacts derived from continuing forces of global change, including climate change, should be specifically taken into account in compliance with monitoring plans. Climate change is likely to alter conditions during the period of an exploitation contract by, for example, contributing additional stressors to the ecosystem. All plans and practices including impact monitoring should take this into account and update accordingly.

We suggest adding a DR51(d) to include the following text: ‘Take into account the impact that climate change can have on conditions during the period of an exploitation contract, and ensure that all plans and practices, including impact monitoring, update accordingly.’

Thank you