



DOSI Statement on item 11 of the agenda

Mr. President,

Since this is the first time DOSI takes the floor, we would like to congratulate you on your election.

DOSI would like to express our concerns regarding the current state of phase1 of the draft S & G.

We respectfully remind this council that, as expressed by the German delegation and Deep Sea Conservation Coalition earlier, the current state of scientific knowledge is not sufficient to determine the effectiveness of the long-term protection of the marine environment in relation to deep-sea mining. Currently, there are several international efforts that aim to increase our scientific knowledge of the ecosystems, and the potential environmental impacts of deep-sea mining. This process, however, requires more time to collect and analyse the data.

We also believe that we need standards, (that is, minimum requirements) in place for all S&G related to environmental matters, in order to guarantee that the data produced through these efforts can be directly compared and analysed.

Thank you, Mr President