

Thank you for giving us the floor.

I'll be very brief. Greenpeace wishes to congratulate France and the ambassador for this extremely ambitious and clear statement.

As this was we were reminded, we are fighting the lack of by the loss of biodiversity we are fighting the resilience of oceans which are essential the life of mankind goes through through this protection.

And at the end of the day, the common good of mankind is our climate and biodiversity as well. So this sets a vision that brings into the debate something that at the end of the day pertains to the climate emergency and the protection of biodiversity, but we should not forget that we are in an urgent situation.

The debates at the ISA are important and we see that many countries are going along these lines that industrial exploitation should not begin in 2023. What's important in the statement is that, for instance, joining a more and more sizable group of countries that ask for this pause of his band, this dynamic is essential. And it's urgent today that this exploitation do not begin in the years to come.

The legal framework for this ban, we will have to see implemented in the long term. It will have to be discussed further, but the priority today is that these mining operations do not begin in 2023. And once again, we thank the countries that push for this moratorium, and France for this brave and ambitious position.

Thank you.