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Decision of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority relating to the implementation of a programmatic approach to capacity development

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,

Recalling its decision of 26 July 2018, adopted at its twenty-fourth session,¹ by which it adopted the strategic plan of the Authority for the period 2019–2023,

Recalling also its decision of 24 July 2019, adopted at its twenty-fifth session,² by which it adopted the high-level action plan of the Authority for the period 2019–2023 as well as performance indicators for each of the strategic directions in the strategic plan,

Recalling further its decision of 17 December 2020, adopted at its twenty-sixth session,³ by which it requested the Secretary-General to develop and implement a dedicated strategy for capacity development, taking into account the elements identified in paragraph 36 of his report,⁴ and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-seventh session,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,⁵ in which he provided the required information on the development of the draft capacity development strategy,

Considering the priorities for capacity development identified by the members of the Authority,

Committed to further building the capacity of developing States, in particular geographically disadvantaged States, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, as well as ensuring their fully integrated participation in the activities undertaken in the Area,

* ISBA/27/A/L.1.

¹ ISBA/24/A/10.

² ISBA/25/A/15 and ISBA/25/A/15/Corr.1.

³ ISBA/26/A/18.

⁴ ISBA/26/A/7.

⁵ ISBA/27/A/5.



Emphasizing the importance of a dedicated strategy for capacity development that addresses the needs identified by the members of the Authority,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Welcomes* the nomination by members of the Authority of national focal points in charge of liaising with the secretariat on matters relating to capacity development, taking into account the terms of reference for such focal points as set out in the annex to the decision of the Assembly of 17 December 2020;
3. *Adopts* the capacity development strategy of the International Seabed Authority, as contained in annex I to the report of the Secretary-General, which provides the necessary framework for the implementation of a programmatic approach to capacity development;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the strategy and progress the identification of key indicators to monitor progress;
5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore options to mobilize additional resources to provide the necessary financial support for the implementation of the strategy;
6. *Encourages* members of the Authority to participate fully in the implementation of the strategy, including through the development of programmes, projects and activities in the four main categories of the mandate of the Authority;
7. *Invites* contractors, the private sector, civil society, academia and foundations to contribute to the implementation of the strategy in their respective areas of competence, in line with the priorities identified by developing States members of the Authority.

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