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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority and, in its capacity as Coordinator of the African Group, has the honor to request the submission to the Council of the attached position paper, outlining the African Group's position on the Payment Regime for Deep-Seabed Mining in the Area, for the Council's consideration during the discussions of the Open Ended-Working Group on the Financial Terms of a Contract during the 27th Session of the International Seabed Authority.

The Permanent Mission kindly requests that this note, and its attachment, be made available to the Member States of the Authority in advance of the next meeting of the Council.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the United Nations, in its capacity as Coordinator of the African Group, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority, the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 27th June, 2022

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