



Mr. President, distinguished delegates,

Poland would like to thank to the French ambassador for the clarification of the French position.

We support the position of Canada, Norway and Singapore – Poland would also like to know the answers to raised concerns and questions.

We are fully aware that the humankind places its hopes in the regulations we are working on. Therefore, we shall make every effort to ensure that these provisions are the best possible, robust and take into account strong principles of environmental protection. Protection and preservation of the marine environment and heritage of humankind is one of our crucial tasks. We do share some raised concerns, but we do not understand the idea of complete ban for deep-sea mining in the Area.

Each of us should make every effort to develop the best possible exploitation regulations, taking into account environmental protection and benefit sharing. This is the basis of our cooperation and mutual trust, which we believe to persist. In that view we would like to draw your attention to article 157 (4) and article 300 of the Convention.

Poland calls for the continuation of constructive cooperation and making every effort in order to both satisfy environmental concerns and achieve meaningful progress towards the realisation of the ISA full mandate.

Thank you, Mr. President