

**DOSI Intervention regarding item 7: Status of contracts for exploration and related matters
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Thank you, Mr President,

DOSI seeks clarification on the periodic reviews. First, with regards to reviews that are overdue. It seems that reports can be overdue indefinitely without consequence. Further, DOSI would suggest adding more clarity on the result of the periodic review. Currently, there is only information stating that the reviews have been completed. These reviews are useful, for example to assess the progress on the collection of baseline environmental data, which are needed to inform the Environmental Impact Statement, and help guide the Contractors by identifying areas where information may be lacking in a timely manner. This will aid the adequate preparation of the EIS.

Thank you Mr President