

#2 DOSI Intervention regarding Item 10: Draft Regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area: Seventh Meeting of OEWG on Financial Terms

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Part III Rights and Obligations of Contractors

DR 38 Annual Report

Thank you, Mr. Facilitator. With regards to DR 38 Paragraph 2g, DOSI recommends that, in addition to the results described, that the annual report also contain detailed information on where these results can be publicly accessed, to aid in transparency and independent assessment by qualified scientific experts. DOSI further recommends alignment of the annual report content to reflect the requirements of the recent High Seas treaty for reports to include sample batch identifiers from the common Marine Scientific Research clearinghouse proposed in the treaty. Thank you, Mr. Facilitator.

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DR 39 Books, records and samples

Thank you, Mr. Facilitator. DOSI supports the inclusion of language that representative samples shall be kept by the Contractor under good condition, as this is not only essential for the calculation of royalties but also for independent verification of the description of the Marine Environment by qualified experts. We agree with the exclusion of the “extent practicable” clause in Paragraph 3 to allow for stronger obligation to collect and properly maintain reference samples for this purpose. Thank you, Mr. Facilitator.