

DOSI Intervention regarding Item 10: Draft Regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area: Fourth meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment

**Annex IV Section 12 - Product Stewardship
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Thank you, Madame Facilitator. The Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative recommends an addition to Section 12 to stipulate that the description of intended use of mineral-bearing ore once it leaves the Area should also include information about the required collection and maintenance of reference materials. As stipulated in DR 39, such samples are required for independent verification for royalty regime considerations, and DOSI previously intervened in this session of Council to suggest that these materials are also needed for independent verification of baseline data. Thank you, Madame Facilitator.