

**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**

**DR 46 Environmental Management System -  
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Thank you, Madame Facilitator. The Environmental Management System forms an important part of minimizing serious harm to the environment. Regarding paragraphs 2b and 2d, DOSI believes that the auditing of this process should be annually, and it should be consistent across all Contractors rather than at intervals agreed upon by the LTC and Contractors separately, which can lead to inconsistent and potentially unequal auditing. Thank you, Madame Facilitator.