

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 bis Paragraph 2 Environmental Impact Assessment
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Thank you, Madame Facilitator. The Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative suggests that DR46 bis 2b (iii) includes specific reference to direct and indirect impacts, to promote the ecosystem-based approach of the ISA and recognizing that impacts can carry through the ecosystem, for example, by species interactions. Regarding DR46 bis 2c, DOSI again recommends revision to remove reference to remediation, rehabilitation, restoration or offsetting as these strategies are not known as viable options in the deep-sea environment. Thank you, Madame Facilitator.