

**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**

**DR51 - Compliance with EMMP**

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Thank you Madame Facilitator.

The Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative welcomes the inclusion of “continuous” in reference to monitoring frequency in DR 51 Para a, but we again make a recommendation that monitoring data should be made available in real time to all stakeholders, in addition to the annual report, to facilitate independent analyses of the data and enhance transparency of this remote industry. As experienced recently with the NORI accidental spill, the Authority was not notified until 16 days after the incident. We encourage continuous monitoring, that is based on the ecological characteristics and consequent recovery of the ecological communities in the contract area.

Regarding DR 51 Para c topic of maintaining the currency and adequacy of the EMMP, we remind our colleagues that deep-seabed mining impacts will occur in combination with climate change impacts. Therefore climate change impacts should be taken into consideration throughout monitoring of compliance with an EMMP.

Thank you Madame Facilitator.