

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

DR53 – Emergency Response and Contingency Plan

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Thank you, Madame Facilitator. Regarding Paragraph 3, the Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative recommends clarity be added on the timeframe by which a Contractor is obligated to submit a detailed report on whether the Emergency Response and Contingency Plan was adequate in responding to an Incident. As recently observed in the ISA's Compliance and Assurance Regulatory Management Unit Inspection Report INSP/2023/NUR/001 for a test mining activity, we have already witnessed an example of a Contractor being found to not have followed its own risk management procedure for responding to an Incident. Clarity is needed on when Contractors need to provide these reports to enable timely process improvements to ensure the effective protection of the Marine Environment.

Thank you, Madame Facilitator