



**Intervention on item 10 of the Agenda**

Schedule

**# 39 delivered on 30.03.2023 by Stephen Cory**

Thank you Mr. President,

DOSI supports Pew in the inclusion of definitions for the “Impact reference zone” (or “IRZ”) and the “Preservation reference zone” (or “PRZ”) in the “Schedule.”

Impact and Preservation Reference Zones are crucial environmental management tools and essential to measure impacts of seabed mining on ecosystems over time.

The new Annex Xter, and Xter Alt, discussed last week, specifies important criteria to aid in the establishment of sufficient IRZs and PRZs, and will help to ensure the long-term monitoring of impacts of sediment plumes and other mining impacts.

Thank you, Mr. President.