



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Statement delivered on behalf of Her Excellency Margo Deiye, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nauru to the International Seabed Authority

Mr President, Excellencies and Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to deliver this statement on behalf Her Excellency Margo Deiye, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nauru to the ISA who had to reschedule her trip to Kingston Jamaica due to pressing matters in New York.

Allow me to convey to this august Council wishes of good health from the people and the Government of Nauru and our congratulations to you Mr President on your assumption of the stewardship of this 28th Session and to assure you of Nauru's full cooperation and support in the deliberations ahead of us.

Council Seat 2023

Mr President, Nauru conveys its utmost respect and sincere appreciation to Indonesia for giving Nauru the opportunity to participate on the Council seat for 2023. We thank our friends for their confidence in us for this coming year. On this occasion, Nauru is pleased to announce that it will be making an in-kind contribution to the Endowment Fund to the value of \$5000.00AUD to convey our appreciation to the work of this Fund. As a small island developing State, Nauru

aligns itself with the objective of the Fund in supporting the participation of qualified individuals in marine scientific research programmes and activities including other relevant initiatives.

Secretariat

It would be remiss of us not to acknowledge the Secretary-General and his team the Secretariat for their hard work and dedication in coordinating the events over several months. Nauru looks forward to working with you in the coming months to ensure that our respective mandates are fulfilled.

Our delegation would also like to convey our gratitude to the Government of Jamaica for having us in your beautiful country and the tremendous hospitality that we have received since we arrived. We look forwards to exploring Jamaica in the coming days.

Overview of the work

Mr President, the importance of the maritime sector to all our countries cannot be undervalued. The ocean that connects us all has been and will continue to be the cornerstone of all our countries' economies. In this regard, developing a robust regulatory framework for the new industry is at the forefront of Nauru's priority. We trust that we will continue to push for further convergence of views on the draft regulations with the aim of completing our work.

Moreover, we are pleased to join other delegations in celebrating the milestone achievement of the BBNJ treaty and echo the praises to the negotiators, facilitators,

and Madam President Rena Lee for her outstanding leadership in the completion of their work. We are encouraged by their achievement and should take their lead to do the same and complete the work before us.

NORI Application

Mr President, allow me to reiterate that Nauru informed the Council, last year, in good faith that it has no intention to sponsor an application for approval of a plan of work before the end of the July session this year. This does not mean to circumvent any efforts made thus far for the completion of the draft regulation but rather assure delegations we will support the Council complete its work in an effective and efficient manner.

Webinar Intersessional Dialogue

Mr President, Nauru conveys its appreciation to the Co-Facilitator's on the recent informal intersessional dialogue, we found it a very useful exercise and echo the Secretary-General's points that any proposal made, is to be measured against the seven tests that were highlighted during the webinar.

Mr President, Nauru remains committed to the Rule of Law in ocean affairs and towards effective cooperation and implementation of UNCLOS and the 1994 Agreement. The 28th session has critical work ahead, Nauru's interest is at its highest this year and to this end, we look forward to working with all delegations.

I thank you.