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**Draft decision of the Council relating to the budget of the
International Seabed Authority for the financial period 2013-2014**

The Council of the International Seabed Authority,

Taking into account the recommendations of the Finance Committee,¹

1. *Recommends* that the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority adopt the budget of the Authority for the financial period 2013-2014 in the amount of \$14,312,948, as proposed by the Secretary-General;²

2. *Also recommends* that the Assembly adopt the following draft decision:

The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority,

1. *Adopts* the budget for the financial period 2013-2014 in the amount of \$14,312,948;¹

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish the scale of assessments for the financial period 2013-2014 based on the scale used for the regular budget of the United Nations for 2011-2012, taking into account that the ceiling assessment rate will be 22 per cent and the floor rate 0.01 per cent;

3. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General, for the financial period 2013 and 2014, to transfer between appropriation sections up to 20 per cent of the amount in each section;

4. *Urges* the members of the Authority to pay their assessed contributions to the budget on time and in full;

5. *Appeals* to the members of the Authority to pay outstanding contributions to the budget of the Authority from previous years as soon as possible and requests the Secretary-General, at his discretion, to continue his efforts to recover these amounts;

* Reissued for technical reasons on 24 July 2012.

¹ See ISBA/18/A/4-ISBA/18/C/12.

² See ISBA/18/A/3-ISBA/18/C/7.



6. *Strongly encourages* members of the Authority to make voluntary contributions to the Endowment and Voluntary Trust Funds of the Authority;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps on behalf of the Authority to subscribe to the statute of the International Civil Service Commission with effect from 2013;

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to apply the miscellaneous income referred to in paragraph 14 of the report of the Finance Committee¹ to the extent necessary to meet expenditures incurred in the financial period 2011-2012, as a result of processing plans of work for exploration;

9. *Decides* to revise the current level of the fees paid for processing of applications for approval of plans of work for exploration for polymetallic nodules (regulation 19, paragraph 2 of the Regulations on Prospecting and Exploration for Polymetallic Nodules in the Area)³ to US\$ 500,000, in order to ensure that the fees reflect the actual costs incurred in processing such applications.

³ See ISBA/6/A/18, annex.