

**Draft decision of the Council of the International Seabed Authority relating to the establishment of the position of an interim director general of the Enterprise**

Proposal from Ghana on behalf of the African Group

*The Council of the International Seabed Authority,*

*Recalling* article 170 of and annex IV to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,<sup>1</sup> which established the Enterprise as the organ of the Authority to carry out activities in the Area according to article 153 (2) (a) of the Convention, as well as the transporting, processing and marketing of minerals recovered from the Area;

*Recalling* also the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982,<sup>2</sup> which recognizes the need to follow an evolutionary approach for the step-by-step operationalization of the Enterprise, based on the functional needs of the Enterprise at each step;

*Recalling* the decision of the Council relating to the establishment of the position of an interim director general of the Enterprise dated 31 March 2023<sup>3</sup> in which the Council decided to adopt the recommendation of the Commission to establish the position of an interim director general for the Enterprise and requested the Secretary-General to submit a supplementary budget proposal for that purpose;

*Noting* further that the Finance Committee, at its meetings during the twenty-eighth session, after considering the supplementary budget proposed by the Secretary-General,<sup>4</sup> had decided to recommend to the Council and the Assembly to approve the supplementary budget for the financial period 2023–2024, as a separate part of the budget, in an amount not exceeding \$456,940, noting that, in accordance with the 1994 Agreement, the interim director general would be a member of the staff of the Authority and would perform the functions listed in the annex to the 1994 Agreement.<sup>5</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the decision of the Council;
2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include provision for the interim director-general of the Enterprise in the proposed budget of the Authority for the financial period 2025-2026, as a separate part of the budget.

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, No. 31364.

<sup>3</sup> ISBA/28/C/10.

<sup>4</sup> ISBA/28/A/3–ISBA/28/C/12 ; ISBA/28/A/3/Add.1-ISBA/28/C/12/Add.1

<sup>5</sup> ISBA/28/A/4-ISBA/28/C/13