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The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the International Seabed Authority (ISA) in Jamaica presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Authority and has the honour to forward the attached documents being the written submission on the first draft strategic plan for the International Seabed Authority for year 2024-2028.

It is pertinent to state that the attached document is a response received from the National Boundary Commission in Nigeria for further necessary action.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the International Seabed Authority (ISA) in Jamaica avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Authority, the assurances of its highest consideration. *J*

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NATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

ANNEX 1

WRITTEN SUBMISSION ON THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY FOR 2024 – 2028.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Question One: Does the draft strategic plan for 2024 – 2028 clearly encapsulate the mandate and responsibilities set out for the Authority by the Convention and the 1994 agreement?

Answer: *Following the study and assessment of its general guiding principles, strategic plan and strategic direction, the Commission believes that the draft strategic plan for 2024 – 2028" clearly encapsulates the mandate and responsibilities set out for the Authority by the Convention and the 1994 agreement.*

Question Two: How do you think the Strategic Plan and associated High-level Action Plan have contributed to fulfilling the mission of the ISA (as per the Mission Statement)?

Answer:

The Successful implementation of the Strategic Plan and associated High-level Action Plan will result in the delivery of a comprehensive legal framework for carrying out activities in the Area for the benefit of humankind as a whole; protection of the marine environment; orderly, safe, and rational management of the resources of the Area; provide for the equitable sharing of financial and other economic benefits derived from activities in the Area on a non-discriminatory basis; promote and encourage the conduct of marine scientific research in the Area; promote and encourage the transfer of Science and Technology to developing States; and promote the effective participation in the Area's Area's activities which is the Authority's Authority's core mission.

Question Three: To what extent do you think the work of the ISA provides a useful model for the sustainable management of the global commons as Steward of the Area and its resources?

Answer:

The work of the ISA has, over the years, provided a useful model for the sustainable management of the global commons as Steward of the Area and its resources. This is more envisaged in the draft strategic plan for 2024 – 2028, which provides a comprehensive mining code or regulations of the Area and its resources. It will ensure that the effective regulations put in place for States parties, cooperate companies and international entities concerning the sustainable use of the Area's resources are strictly adhered to. In addition, it is believed that the operationalization of the Enterprise will tremendously assist in further achieving this goal.

Question Four: What should be the priorities of the Authority for the next 5 years?

Answer:

- i. The practical implementation of the comprehensive legal framework for the Area's exploitation activities.*
- ii. The operationalization of the Enterprise.*
- iii. Promote and encourage the transfer of Science and Technology to developing States (Capacity Building for Developing States).*
- iv. Promote and encourage the conduct of marine scientific research in the Area.*

SPECIFIC QUESTION

Question Five: Dose the "Mission Statement" (Unchanged from the first strategic plan) continue to reflect the mandate of the Authority accurately?

Answer:

Notwithstanding the passage of time, the "Mission Statement" still appropriately reflects the Authority's Authority's mandate. It encapsulates the overall action plan of the Authority veering towards sustainable management and the development of the Area and its resources for the betterment of humankind.

Above all, it will consider the developing countries/states that lack the capacity to participate in the Area's Area's exploitation so that they are not left behind.

Question Six: How do you consider that the context and challenges identified remain relevant? Should there be any new elements identified?

Answer:

The context and challenges identified are deemed sufficient since they address the essential factors that must be considered to successfully manage and maintain the Area for the common heritage of humankind. If the concerns and challenges presented are sufficiently handled, the Authority will be able to carry out its purpose for the human race successfully and efficiently.