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Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea
Mr Jin-Wook KIM

Thank you, Mr President.

Since this is the first time for us to take the floor in the Assembly, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations on your election as a President of the Assembly of the ISA, and also many congratulations to the new Vice-Presidents on their election.

Korea also would like to express high appreciation to the Secretary-General for the comprehensive annual report and the supportive work for the ISA. Korea aligns with the other delegations in expressing gratitude to Jamaica for the warmest hospitality.

Also, my delegation would like to welcome Republic of Rwanda for joining the ISA.

Mr President,

My delegation is pleased to announce that the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of Korea and the ISA Secretariat concluded the letter of cooperation in November 2022 which aims to strengthening scientific research capacity including the increased participation of female scientists, advancing scientific knowledge and enhancing the sharing and use of knowledge and data.

Republic of Korea endeavors to identify collaboration projects and programs to contribute to the international community and to sincerely implement the letter of cooperation between the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of Korea and the ISA Secretariat.

Mr. President and distinguished colleagues

Republic of Korea has been committed to strengthening international collaboration to advance the scientific knowledge on deep sea biodiversity. In this vein, the Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries and the National Marine

Biodiversity Institute of Korea (MABIK) is holding the Workshops on Enhancing Biological Data Sharing to Advance Deep-Sea Taxonomy together with the ISA Secretariat and Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology in this October. Through this workshop, we hope that knowledge and information on the deep-sea ecosystem, including deep-sea taxonomy, will be advanced and actively shared.

I assure you Mr. President, Korea will continue to support the ISA's work

I Thank you, Mr President.