

Intervention by India - last session of 28th council ISA

Mr. President

India appreciates your leadership.

Delegation of India is of the view that part III of 28th session was extremely useful and we recognize that significant progress has been made in the draft regulations on all its components through informal working group meeting facilitated by the facilitators. Indian delegation conveys their deep gratitude to all the facilitators and co-facilitators. We also appreciate the effort of the council members for constructive and highly engaged discussions. We look forward for a fruitful outcome of the hard work done during this session. In this regard, we recall the council's decision during July 2023 session to arrive to a stage of consolidated text for the draft exploitation regulations after November 2023 session. Following that decision and in line with the progress made in this meetings, India supports that a consolidated text of the complete draft regulations should be in place before further negotiations starts in the first part of the 29th Session. We understand this is a Herculean task for the facilitators and the secretariat. we again convey our deep appreciation and gratitude to both for their consistent hard work. We also support any further textual submission required by the Facilitators on their respective part of the regulation and we leave it to the facilitators to decide providing a reasonable interval to the member states in doing so. India also supports for conducting intersessional work if required and decided so by the facilitators/co-facilitators, under the leadership of other delegations to make further progress in shaping up the exploitation regulations. We express our interest in joining such work and request the organisers for inclusion of Indian delegation as and when it happens.

We understand there is a need to agree on the chair for conducting the discussion in the upcoming sessions with consolidated text. In that context our submission is that we will be happy continuing to support the person having expertise and experience in such work. Further we believe, considering the nature and versatility of the exploitation regulations, a group of experts can be identified under the Chair for further discussion on the consolidated text.