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Agenda item 10

Mr President,

Allow me, as my delegation takes the floor for the first time during this Council meeting, to extend our sincere appreciation for your leadership and also for the work done by the Secretariat. I wish to assure you of our delegation's full support.

At first, we would like to thank all facilitators for leading as and to all delegations involved in the intersessional and informal discussions for their work and efforts.

Mr President, Poland believes that we should continue our work at draft regulations, as we believe it is essential to fulfil our commitment from the July Council session, to continue the elaboration of RRP's with a view to their adoption at the 30th session. This matter holds significant importance for our delegation.

Mr President, let me reiterate our position, that given the provisions of the Convention and the 1994 Agreement, Poland believes that the Council should continue its efforts for further development of exploitation regulations. Therefore, Poland believes, that mining activities can be carried out only after the robust Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Authority are in place.

We should continue to improve our knowledge of the seabed, the environment, and the impact of mining activities on the ecosystem, while continuing our work on exploitation regulations. We should remember our obligations related to the non-discrimination of the contractors and the protection of the marine environment, to ensure the implementation of all provisions of UNCLOS and the 1994 Agreement.

Considering these, Poland supports the consolidated draft text, which will be facilitated by the dedicated person, as we consider it as a good working method.

Mr President, I want to assure you that Poland remains fully engaged in the negotiations at the ISA and is in favour of continuing constructive cooperation and discussions about both, environmental concerns and fulfilling the ISA mandate.

Thank you, Mr President,