

DOSI intervention regarding item 10: Eighth Meeting of the informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment. Environmental Monitoring/Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

DR49 Environmental Monitoring

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Thank you, Madam facilitator

DOSI generally supports the streamlining that has been made to the draft regulations under section 3 of Part IV. However, we note that our suggestions relating to “sufficient information” seem to have been lost during this streamlining as this wording is not reflected in any of the draft regulations in section 3.

We reiterate that the sufficient information requirement refers to the level of knowledge needed to make informed regulatory and management decisions and ensure adequate environmental protection. Its inclusion assists with ensuring adequate environmental monitoring by the contractor. In paragraph 1 of DR49, we propose the wording be amended to include this requirement as follows: “...in accordance with Best Available Scientific information, Best Environmental Practices, and Best Available Techniques, the environmental thresholds contained in the Standards, the need for sufficient information, and the risks to Environmental Effects on the Marine Environment arising from Exploitation.”

Thank you Madam Facilitator