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Provisional agenda of the Legal and Technical Commission

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.
4. Overview on intersessional activities.

A. Prospecting

5. Consideration of annual reports on prospecting, if any.

B. Activities of contractors

6. Report on the status of the contracts for exploration and periodic reviews of the implementation of plans of work for exploration.
7. Status of the implementation of training programmes under plans of work for exploration and the allocation of training opportunities.
8. Consideration of annual reports of contractors.¹
9. Consideration of applications for extension of contracts in accordance with the procedures and criteria for the extension of an approved plan of work for exploration pursuant to section 1, paragraph 9, of the annex to the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.¹
10. Relinquishment of areas under contracts for exploration for polymetallic sulphides and cobalt-rich ferromanganese crusts.
11. Review of the environmental impact statements submitted by contractors.

¹ To be considered in the second part of the session, in July 2025.



C. Applications for approval of plans of work for activities in the Area

12. Consideration of applications for approval of plans of work, if any.²

D. Regulatory activities of the Authority

13. Development of environmental threshold values.
14. Development of standards and guidelines for activities in the Area.

E. Environmental management planning

15. Review of the standardized procedure for the development, approval and review of regional environmental management plans.
16. Development of regional environmental management plans in priority areas.

F. Data management

17. Review of the workplan of the strategic road map for data management of the Authority for the period 2024–2028.

G. Matters referred to the Commission by the Council

18. Identification of criteria which the Commission could use to decide whether to hold open meetings in accordance with its rules of procedure.
19. Development of a procedure and criteria for consideration of a request for the transfer of rights and obligations under a contract for exploitation and relevant issues related to effective control, following its consideration by the Council.

H. Other matters

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² Any application for a plan of work will be considered by the Commission in order of receipt.