

**DOSI intervention regarding item 11: Draft Regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area**

**DR 59 - Closure plan**

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Thank you Madame Vice President,

DOSI encourages consideration of 1(bis)f. As written, 1 (bis)f indicates that the mining area should only be returned to what is technically feasible. What is technically feasible is very limited, based on current scientific information, although this may change in the future as new scientific information becomes available. DOSI recommends that 1 (bis)f should indicate that the state that Mining Areas should be returned to is agreed upon as an environmental objective. We recognize that environmental goals and objectives have yet to be defined by Council, and we welcome clarification of when Council intends to develop and discuss this.

Thank you Madame Vice President.