

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

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Thank you Mr President

DOSI strongly supports the interventions of Costa Rica and Germany and we want to reiterate why environmental externalities must be considered. There are many ecosystem services provided by the deep ocean in the areas considered by the ISA. The report mentioned by Germany highlights that there is currently a lack of data on the impact on ecosystem services. Such a gap in our knowledge highlights that we are challenged in assessing the potential trade-offs between deep-sea mining and other benefits we obtain from our ocean, which limits the use of ecosystem-based management by the ISA for these regions.

Thank you Mr President