

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

**DR92 bis - Publication of environmental data and information**

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Thank you Mr President

DOSI does not have an opinion on whether DR 92 bis is retained or moved to a relevant Standard. If retained as a regulation, DOSI supports the proposal of Ireland to clarify that data collected outside the Contract Area is included. DOSI supports the proposal of South Africa on behalf of the African Group requesting clarity on the timeline for publication on the Authority's website, and the proposed revised language of this regulation.

In addition to publication, as the UK delegation suggested earlier regarding DR 91 and raised here by Germany, DOSI recommends that all environmental reference collections be handed over to a museum, academic institutions, or other repositories for cataloging, where the specimens and the data are made available to the public and to be used for future science, at the latest by the end of a contract.

Thank you.