



*Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chile
To the International Seabed Authority*

Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chile to the International Seabed Authority presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority and according with Rule 10(e) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, kindly requests the inclusion of an agenda item for the 30th session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority on the following: "Need for a general policy of the Authority for the protection and preservation of the marine environment: scope and parameters".

According to this, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chile has the honor to attach an explanatory note about this agenda item.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Chile to the International Seabed Authority avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the international Seabed Authority, the assurances of its highest considerations.

Kingston, May 20th, 2025.



**THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY
KINGSTON**

30th Session of the International Seabed Authority

Presented by Chile

*Request for the inclusion of an agenda item for the 30th session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority on the following: “**Need for a general policy of the Authority for the protection and preservation of the marine environment: scope and parameters**”.*

Explanatory note

This request for the inclusion of an agenda item is made in accordance with Rule 10(e) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

During Part I of the 30th Session of the Council, in the course of the discussions of the draft exploitation regulations, an overwhelming number of Member States emphasised the need for a general policy for the protection of the marine environment. Many delegations supported the view that some key elements in the draft exploitation regulations (for example, Draft Regulations 2 and 44 ter) could form the basis of such a policy.

As Member of the Authority, we are aware that the need for a general environmental strategy is not a new or recent development. This necessity has been an integral and long-standing theme in the work of the Authority, including the subject-matter of a dedicated workshop in 2017 in Berlin (see ISA Technical Study No. 17).

The development of a general policy for the protection and preservation of the marine environment would be in furtherance of the responsibility of the Authority to take necessary measures to ensure the effective protection of the marine environment from the harmful effects of activities in the Area pursuant to Articles 145 and 192 of the Convention and in accordance with the precautionary principle.

This general environmental policy should be complementary to, and not in lieu of, the draft exploitation regulations and other environmental standards and guidelines that will be part of the Mining Code; it would be applicable to all of the Authority’s work, setting priorities and providing strategic directions and guidance.

Pursuant to article 160, it is within the remit of the Assembly to develop a general environmental policy, in collaboration with the Council.

Consequently, we put forward this agenda item for the Assembly to discuss the establishment, scope and parameters of a general environmental policy, in collaboration with the Council, and look forward to debating this matter at the upcoming meeting.