



Intervention #1 - Opening Statement. Delivered by Patricia Esquete on March 17th 2025

Thank you Mr President,

The Deep Ocean Stewardship initiative - DOSI would like to warmly welcome the new Secretary General, Ms Leticia Carvalho, to this position, and wish you all the success. DOSI is a global network of scientists and other ocean experts, and as such, we are thrilled to see a fellow scientist in this position. We are also delighted to hear so many opening statements that specifically reference the importance of science-based regulation and *independent* marine scientific research that is inclusive for all. We will be looking forward to productive and essential scientific conversations and knowledge sharing that can help the International Seabed Authority meet its obligations under UNCLOS by making science the basis of decision making.

Thank you